



Progress Report #Q

Conflikt I

The Pacific Northwest's very own filk con!

January 25-27 2008 in Seattle

(Sasquatches & Pacific Tree Octopuses welcome.)

Message from the chair:

It certainly hasn't been easy, but filk will overcome all obstacles. From the problem of finding a calendar date, to the name of our new convention, to long, slow negotiations before we finally signed a hotel contract, the Conflikt ConCom has kept going. Just at the point where we were going to let go of 2008 and aim for 2009, everything suddenly came together. We have a great guest lineup, a very good fit with our hotel facility space, and the enthusiasm to make this a first con to remember.

The only thing needed to complete the mix and reach critical mass is you. Join us as we start a whole new filk tradition in the Pacific Northwest with a weekend of song at Conflikt, January 25-27, 2008.

Rick Weiss

Pshaw, what's there to get excited about?

FABULOUS CONCERTS!

- **Steve Macdonald**, all the way from Germany, will knock your socks off with his mad guitar skills, powerful voice, and amazing songs ranging from moving, haunting ballads to silly schtick-fests and everything in between. So wear clean socks please.
- **Callie Hills**, toastmistress extraordinaire, will serve up a delicious musical cocktail in a champagne flute! A champagne bass flute! With a vocal maraschino cherry? Maybe this metaphor has gone too far. She is notorious for her ability to lure a wide variety of musical accomplices on stage - don't miss it!

- **Steven Joel Zeve**, generously shipped in by the folks at Interfilk (you should see all the styrofoam packing peanuts it took!) will wow us with a concert of his guitar stylings usually only enjoyed by lucky Ontarians.

THRILLING FUNDRAISING!

If you think that's a contradiction in terms, you've never been to an interfilk auction. Our talented fannish auctioneers and highly trained wench squad will auction off chocolate, musical rarities, and just plain STRANGE stuff to raise money for the fine filkish work of Interfilk, the filk fan fund!

Rumour has it that **France Andrews**, the other half of our dynamic Interfilk guest duo, will be offering her amazing hair cutting skills to raise funds for Interfilk - some fans wait months until the next filk con so they can get their hair cut by her skillful scissors. Bring your scruffy locks & donations!

FANTASTIC PANELS!

We know our Pacific Northwest filk crowd doesn't wanna just sit there, so we've got some great participatory panels lined up! Expect some great workshops with our guests, and of course, our patented sing-a-longs - words & musical accompaniment provided!

OPEN FILK!

Stay up all night playing & singing with your friends in open filk on Friday & Saturday! Play your favourite tunes, learn some new favourites, and jam along with our wonderful guests!

Still here Sunday? Well shucks, so are we, who wants to leave? So come join us for a little extra open filk at the **Smoked Salmon**, Conflikt's Pacific NW version of the Dead Dog, running from the close of the con until the last filker drifts off to bed.

DELICIOUS BRUNCH! (with BONUS GOODIES!)

Be sure to sign up for our Saturday Brunch! Enjoy a tasty buffet & have a chance to chat with our special guests. And even better than a prize in the cereal box, we've got a unique CD with tracks from Steve Macdonald and Callie Hills for every brunch attendee to take home. It may look like a bagel, but don't eat it.

A SONGBOOK TO TAKE HOME!

Every con attendee & supporting member will get a copy of our songbook. What's in the songbook? That's up to you! Submit your song to Cindy Turner at songbook@conflikt.org - words, or words & music if you have them - to have it included. All submissions welcome! Send 'em in by Dec. 31, 2007.

SONG CONTEST!

Seattle fans are bidding for WorldCon in 2011, and they want a theme song! So they've turned to the fertile & devious imagination of the filk community - that's you!

Write a song suitably emblematic for the Return to the Emerald City (or other theme related to the Seattle in 2011 bid!), a parody or your own original tune, and perform it (or get a friend to perform it) at Conflikt I. Bring a copy of the words for our judges!

The winner will get eternal glory, fame & fortune, plus a Friend of the Bid membership. (2nd prize is depressingly transient glory, fame & fortune, plus a Pre-Support membership.) Check out <http://seattle2011.swoc.org/> for more juicy details on the bid to help inspire your composing!

Oh my god this is all too AWESOME! How do I sign up?

There are three ways!

ONLINE

Register at our website with paypal: www.conflikt.org

BY MAIL

Print out a registration form & mail it with your cheque to:

Conflikt
PO Box 30113
Seattle, WA 98113

IN PERSON

Michelle Dockrey & Brooke Lunderville will be accepting registrations in person at VCON, OVFF, and Orycon.

CAUTION: they may giggle and/or clasp their hands with glee when you register.

- **Attending memberships are US\$30** until November 30, 2007
- or **\$20 for a supporting membership**, which includes a copy of our fabulous songbook.
- After November 30, memberships are \$40.
- Children 12 & under are free.
- **Brunch tickets are just \$25**, including the exclusive CD!

And have you booked your hotel room yet?

Don't wait - the first 50 rooms will come with a MAGICAL anti-snoring screen AND a unicorn. (Unicorn not included. Snoring screen void where impossible.)

It's just \$99 per night for up to 4 people per room. Free shuttles to and from the charming Sea-Tac airport. There are lots of restaurants in easy walking distance, or show your badge to get a discount at the excellent in-hotel restaurant immediately adjacent to our program space.

Call or fax the **Renton Holiday Inn** today to reserve your room!

Phone: (425) 226-7700

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...tell them you're attending the Conflikt convention to get your discount!