



Progress Report #0HH41

Conflikt 2

Even more confliktad!

**January 30-February 1 2009
Seattle, WA.**

Message from the chair:

Look out! Here it comes!!!

Somehow sooner than expected (?), Conflikt 2 is nearly upon us. All the pieces are being assembled rapidly – hotel, Guests, Programming Schedules, membership badges, Con Suite, etc., etc. And, grand as Conflikt 1 was, Conflikt 2 promises to be even better, with more filk, more members, more concerts, and more singing. The hotel has more rooms booked than last year, pre-reg is ahead of last year, and the Concom and Chair are more, well, something than 2008.

In these last few weeks before the con, it's time to get everything ready. We'll be finalizing the Program Schedule and Concert lineups, assembling the Program Book and checking out the sound and recording gear. But you have preparations to make, too. Do you have your hotel reservation? Our convention rate is only guaranteed for reservations made by January 9. Have you purchased your Saturday Brunch Banquet tickets? Are the strings on your guitar, harp, banjo, violin, cello, or lute in good shape, and tuned? Is

your filkbook complete and organized so you can find that perfect follower song quickly? Do you have spare earplug Ahh, never mind.

See everyone the end of the month at Conflikt 2!

Rick Weiss
Chair, Conflikt 2

Programming Update:

We have some wicked stuff lined up!

Concerts:

- **Seanan McGuire**, Guest of Honour
- **Frank Hayes**, Toastmaster
- **Lawrence Dean**, Interfilk Guest
- **Puzzlebox**, A+ quartet
- **Kathy Mar**, California powerhouse
- **Randy Hoffman**, ninja songsmith
- **Mark Bernstein**, a capella genius
- **Marian Call**, browncoat siren
- **Steve Savitzky**, nerd minstrel
- **Naomi Rivkis**, local girl makes good

Workshops:

Come get your learning on! So far we have scheduled:

- **Performance & Stage Presence**, with Puzzlebox's **Paul Kwinn**.
- **Improv** with **Seanan McGuire**
- **Reverse Engineering Songs** with **Tony Fabris**

Plus more...

Programming, Continued

We'll be having a **singalong** from the souvenir songbook. We'll be having a **mystery song contest** - get the topic at registration, write a song at the con, and present it on Sunday! Last year's popular **Band Scramble** is back! Put your name in the hat on Friday, get matched up with some random band members, and present a song on Sunday! Put yourself on stage with a **ten-minute slot**, or get some feedback at a **juried one-shot**. Plus **open filking** every night, and be sure to stick around Sunday for the **Smoked Salmon** where we sing the con to bed in style.

Saturday Brunch

We still have a limited number of tickets available for Saturday's brunch - not only do you get a tasty meal and good company, you'll get an exclusive CD with songs from our guests - only available to brunch attendees. Register online now! www.conflikt.org

CD Recording Sessions

Once again we are producing a special CD for those who attend the Saturday Brunch (and for our supporting members). Recording for this CD is open to all attendees who would like to perform for the CD, whether or not they are performing in concerts during the con. Also, the CD Recording sessions are closed to the general con—but if you are contributing to the sessions, you can listen to the others recording too!

We have three hours for recording on Friday afternoon between about 2-5pm. If you are attending the con, but cannot make it for the recording sessions, you can also bring (or email sound@conflikt.org) prerecorded songs for inclusion on the CD. Deadline for these submissions is Friday evening.

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

Join the 105 cool cats who have already registered!

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

- **Attending memberships are US\$50** or **\$20 for a supporting membership**, which includes a copy of our fabulous songbook and the exclusive brunch CD. (And our eternal gratitude – smooch!)
- Children 12 & under are free.
- **Brunch tickets are just \$30**, including the exclusive CD!

Conflikt would like to thank our wonderful supporting members!

- Cheryl Jacob
- Gayle Keresev
- Jane Garthson
- Laura Davidson
- Nancy L. Freeman
- Peter Ellis
- Robert Leigh
- Roberta Slocumb

Hotel Hijinx

We've beat last year's record for hotel bookings! Space-permitting, it may still be possible to get the convention rate until **January 9th, 2009**. This is not guaranteed and depends totally on what's left at the hotel. So if you somehow haven't booked your room yet, do it NOW! Call (Phone: (425) 226-7700) or fax (Fax: (425) 271-2315), and tell them you're attending the Conflikt convention to get your discount if space remains!

Wait, how do I GET to the hotel?

You, know, the
Holiday Inn Renton-Seattle -
(425) 226-7700
ONE SOUTH GRADY WAY
RENTON, WA?

Well!

If you're flying in, follow the signs at SeaTac Airport to Ground transporting & Hotel Shuttles. There is a free shuttle to the Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton. There are phones available to call the hotel to request the shuttle, if you don't spot it right away!

If you're driving:

From Sea-Tac Airport:

Take the main exit from the airport to Highway 518 EAST to I-405 NORTH.

Note that when you come to the interchange with I-5, you want to take the MIDDLE of the three directions. This takes you onto I-405, the other two (left and right) drop you onto I-5. Take Exit 2 Highway 167 NORTH to Renton. On the exit ramp for Exit 2, stay to the left as you pass the 167 South entrance then bear right onto the 167 NORTH entrance.

Move one lane left to keep from getting back onto I-405. Then stay to the right after the I-405 entrance.

Turn RIGHT at the first light onto S Grady Way and then take the first RIGHT into the Holiday Inn.

From Southbound I-405:

Use this route from Canada and all points North of Everett and from the Eastside. Also if you are coming from Eastern Washington on I-90.

Take I-5 SOUTH (or I-90 WEST) to I-405 SOUTH

Exit I-405 SOUTH at EXIT 2B to Rainier Ave S. This is the FIRST of the two exit ramps for Exits 2A and 2B.

Stay to the right as you leave the ramp and you will be in the right-turn lane for S Grady Way..

Turn RIGHT at the first light onto S Grady Way and then take the first RIGHT into the Holiday Inn.

From I-5:

Use this route from the Seattle area (Southbound on I-5), and from Portland and all points south of Tukwilla (Northbound I-5) unless you're using Highway 167 (see below).

Take I-5 to I-405 NORTH in Tukwilla/Southcenter

Take Exit 2 Highway 167 NORTH to Renton.

On the exit ramp for Exit 2, stay to the left as you pass the 167 South entrance then bear right onto the 167 NORTH entrance.

Move one lane left to keep from getting back onto I-405. Then stay to the right after the I-405 entrance.

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From Highway 167 Northbound

For those that want to take the Valley Freeway (SR 167).

Go NORTH on Highway 167 until it ends in Renton.

Stay in the left two lanes after the carpool lane ends until passing both the I-405 NORTH and I-405 SOUTH entrances.

Then move to the right lane.

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