



Progress Report #1337

Conflikt 2

Even more confliktad!

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

Message from the chair:

It's going to happen again. Really. Conflikt 2 is coming.

Filk triumphs once more over the mundane obstacles 'life' puts in our path. We had a calendar date selected, we kept the name of our convention, but the long, slow negotiations before we finally signed a hotel contract repeated. That part is over (at last), and our now experienced Concom is moving at speed to make Conflikt 2 even better than Conflikt 1.

The convention committee is just about the same; two people have shifted jobs around. We are returning to the Renton Holiday Inn, scene of Conflikt 1, only this year we're going into the big ballroom; we will not run out of chairs during the concert. We have a fantastic guest lineup. Seanan McGuire, our GoH, is one of the brightest new stars in filkdom with her fantastic voice (and a truly wicked sense of humor). If anyone hasn't heard of Frank Hayes, Toastmaster, they must be attending their first filk event. Frank is one of our (ahem) more experienced filkers. (I believe he's been around filk even longer than I have.) Interfilk will be bringing Lawrence Dean in from across the Pond; or over the Pole, since we live on a spheroid.

We are starting our membership with a strong pre-registration from Conflikt 1. We expect to see all of our Conflikt 1 veterans back, and hope to see a lot of new faces, and hear new voices, as well. Be sure to make your hotel reservations early, and join us for the special Saturday Brunch. You will get fed, entertained, and have a unique CD to take home and amaze your friends with.

Now, think about what could happen, combining Seanan with Frank, and be afraid.... be very afraid.

See you in January!
Rick Weiss

Pshaw, what's there to get excited about?

FABULOUS CONCERTS!

- **Seanan McGuire** and her cast of thousands will pummel you with intricate harmonies, songs that range from shockingly beautiful poetry to bubbly horror comedy, and so many microphones that our sound guy has actually already passed out twice just thinking about it. Seanan plans to release her third album, *Red Roses and Dead Things* at Conflikt – head to www.seananmcguire.com to pre-order your copy today.
- I was introduced to filk by hearing Never Set The Cat On Fire – how many of you can blame **Frank Hayes** too? Hear his classics of filk direct from the source, enjoy his witty stage patter, and watch as small children correct him about his own lyrics. It's a beautiful thing.
- **Lawrence Dean** is coming here all the way from the UK and HOLY CRAP are we lucky to have him! Lawrence has been a filk fixture in Britain since 1979, but we will be only the second conference in North America to have him as a guest. He is well known for his masterful guitar work, gorgeous tunes, and ghastly puns. Don't miss this concert!

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! They make it possible for us to have an extra, AWESOME guest each year – this time it's Lawrence Dean – and they promote the disturbing intermingling of filk cooties from around the world. Hooray!

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, every brunch attendee will get an exclusive CD with tracks from our guests. 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, 2008.

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

- **Attending memberships are US\$45** until November 30, 2008 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!

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.)

Our room rate is \$100/night for 1-4 people. Call the hotel directly at (425) 226-7700 to book now - tell them you are with Conflikt to get that group rate. (Do NOT book online or with the general Holiday Inn 1-800 number - they won't know who we are!) Book soon to get that rate – we filled up our room block last year and we're well on our way to doing it again this year.

The hotel offers free shuttles to and from the charming Sea-Tac airport. There are lots of restaurants in easy walking distance, or check out the reasonably priced, reasonably tasty hotel restaurant right next to our program space.

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

Phone: (425) 226-7700

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