



Progress Report No. Whatever

Conflikt 3

More super-duper than ever before!

**January 29-31, 2010
Seattle, WA.**

~~Message from the chair:~~

Message from the publicity princess!

Normally a message from the Chair goes here, but she's all tied up in furniture-related concerns, so under an obscure clause of the convention bylaws, I get to just make some random shit up! MUAHAHAHAHA THE POWER THE POWER. Therefore I am pleased to announce the following things:

- Conflikt 3 is gonna be SO AWESOME
- "Beth" rhymes with "Black Death!" Not that I'm saying that our con chair will give you the plague if you don't come to Conflikt. I mean, not out loud anyway.
- I really like perogies! Aren't they great?

Uh, okay, moving right along...

What are we gonna DO there?

Baby, what AREN'T we gonna do! Well, clog dancing. Actually I don't want to rule out clog dancing. Okay, pole vaulting! I am quite certain there will not be any pole vaulting. But there WILL be....

Concerts!

- **Tom Smith** - world's fastest filker!
- **Andrew Ross** - GAFilk is raving about him - come find out why!
- **October Country** - celtic/filk duo from Texas!
- **New Bunk Foss** - mystery rockers from Snohomish! (Okay, our very own Mark Osier, Luis Garcia, and Tommy Garcia!)
- **CD Woodbury** - leopard print guitar god!
- **Alexander James Adams** - Oregon's fantastic fairytale minstrel!
- **ASH Productions** - hilarious duo of doOOooOooom! Or pancakes!
- **Rebecca Newman** - sultry singing siren of Calimafornia!
- **Aislinn** - harp-toting, guitar-wielding, geneticist bard!
- **Song Sequitur** - a chaotic reality show!

Workshops! Panels! Madness!

- **Two-fers** - sign up for your own tiny concert!
- **Recording your own CD** - practical tips from filkers who've done it already
- **Whose Line Is It, Anyway?** - improv madness. Tom Smith and Seanan McGuire are in the same room. We're just saying.
- **Songwriting Contest!** - topic to be announced at con! Will it be as evil as last year? Or even EVILLER-ISH! Is that even a word? I'm a princess, I get to make up words, man.

- **Songbook Sing-along!** We'll sing songs members have contributed to our Conflikt 3 songbook.
- **Juried One-Shots** - Want to bring your filking to the next level? Our jury of seasoned performers will listen to you play a song and give personalized, constructive advice on how to add extra shine to your performance!
- **Theme circles!** Sign up to lead a theme circle in the alternate filk room. Songs of Serpents? Ballads of Business Banking? We'll uh... leave the topic up to you.
- **Band Scramble!** Back by popular demand. Sign up on Friday by putting your name in a hat - names are drawn at random to make insta-bands, who meet up on Saturday and get a song ready to play on Sunday! Make new friends and learn new songs!
- **Farewell jam** - one last chance for some group rockin' out! Bring your instruments and your voices and let's make some noise!
- **The Smoked Salmon!** (Vegetarians welcome.) This is Conflikt's version of the Dead Dog sing - if you're still here Sunday night, join us for one last jolly open filk! 'Cause hey, who wants to leave when we're having so much fun?

Goin' to the Innnnterfilk auction!

Interfilk keeps sending us these amazing bonus guests! Last year we met the wonderful Lawrence Dean, and this year we've been treated to October Country! How can they keep doing this? Why, with the generous support of bidders at the Interfilk Auction! Bring your wallet and prepare to bid on the really cool stuff at the auction - music! chocolate! t-shirts! really weird things from someone's closet! Or maybe you have something you can donate to the auction for this A+ filk charitable cause!

That tasty superhero brunch with BONUS delicious CD snack! Do not eat the delicious CD snack, it is a music delivery format, not a real snack.

Do you have your brunch tickets yet? There's just one more week! The brunch happens Saturday morning, and besides a buffet of delicious food, you get an exclusive CD with all kind of tasty and unique tracks from our Guests and assorted other musical misfits; you get to watch our guests be presented with their ridiculous, mandatory superhero capes (wear YOUR superhero cape if you got one! The sequin-count gets higher every year!); and the annual TABLE VS. TABLE insta-filk is sure to disturb everyone's digestion. It's a fun time, a good meal, and only brunch attendees get that cool CD! **Tickets are \$30 - buy them on the website by January 14th!**

Hey, about that CD, actually...

You wanna be on it? Besides the tracks allocated to our special guests, there is time on Friday afternoon to record some tracks at the con! Convention members can sign up for a recording slot at registration on Friday - so polish off that special song of yours! Email sound@conflikt.org for more information!

Opening Ceremonies Sing-Along!

There's ANOTHER way to be a part of that cool CD! As part of our opening ceremonies, the whole convention will sing one song together which will be recorded and put on the CD. This year's song is **Tom Smith's "Falling Free"** which has been a favourite at filk circles in the Pacific Northwest for many years! If you don't know it yet, check out the Sing-Along section on the Conflikt website, where you can find the lyrics and an MP3. Be ready to sing loud and proud to get warmed up for a fantastic convention o' singing, and be part of our brunch CD!

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

Join the 121 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\$55**
- Children 12 & under are free.
- **Brunch tickets are \$30**, including the exclusive CD! BRUNCH DEADLINE is January 14th! After this there will only be a very limited number available at the door.

Conflikt would like to thank our wonderful supporting members!

- **Gayle Keresey**
- **Jane Garthson**
- **W. Randy Hoffman**

It's not too late to become a supporting member! It's \$25 and besides getting our eternal love, devotion, and fluffy daydreams of admiration for your support of our convention, you'll get a copy of that elusive, exclusive Brunch CD, and a copy of the convention songbook! Hey, not bad for twenty-five bucks! They make great gifts! Register online at conflikt.org.

Hotel Hijinx

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** - ONE SOUTH GRADY WAY, RENTON, WA, (425) 226-7700

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 taking the bus, check out the trip planner at <http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov>

or use Google's transit thingy to figure out the best route! Plug in "South Grady Way & Rainier Ave" as your destination. The hotel is served by routes 101, 102, 140, 153, 247, 280, 167 & 169, whee!

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..

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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.

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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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