



Progress Report #1

Conflikt 3

Even more confliktad!

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

Message from the chair:

Hey there!

So Halloween is coming! That means OVFF is just around the corner... oh wait, I'm supposed to be talking about the con I'm chairing right Brooke? The one in January with Tom Smith, Andrew Ross, and October Country. OK, let's try this again,

Hey there!

I'm Beth, as of now I do not have any injuries that will make running around ConFlikt like a loon trying to take in everything this year interesting. I am a klutz though, so don't hold me to that. What you can hold me to is that this year will have stuff going on that you won't want to miss. I personally am looking forward to what people come up with on Saturday morning at the brunch. Oh wait... I need to make sure I go reserve my room and order my brunch ticket now <scribbles note on pad>! I am soooooo looking forward to seeing you (yes especially you) there.

-Beth Runnerwolf, Chair

Message from the decorative end table: (that's Rick, our retired chair!)

If you're reading this, you must be planning on attending Conflikt 3 in January, 2010. Now, you might think that by the third Conflikt there's nothing that could still happen for the very first time. (Well, aside from the GoH and Toastmaster. There are a lot of wonderful Filkers to invite before we have to repeat.) When you arrive at Conflikt 3, you will be at the very first Conflikt not Chaired by Rick Weiss (Hey, that's me!) The

Concom has all the familiar faces, and a few new ones. Some of the positions and roles have been moved around. Beth has taken the Chair slot this year, allowing me to let go of my clue-by-four and relax a bit. (OK, I haven't needed to use it for long time. It's the concept.) Vixy has moved into the Programming slot, and has been her usual bouncy self about the new things she wants to try. Not everyone is trying something new; John will do sound and recording, and Cindy Hospitality. So look for the new, be assured by the old, and come to Conflikt 3 and have a real good filking time!

And me? I've taken the Vice-Chair seat this year, ready to help Beth out and cover up any slips she makes. There haven't been any so far; Vice-Chair can be boring, sometimes. And I hope it stays that way.

Rick Weiss, Vice-Chair

Blah blah blah, what's so great about Conflikt anyway?

FABULOUS CONCERTS!

- **Tom Smith**, the world's fastest filker, will be here to entertain, excite, bamboozle, elicit groans, and generally be a good time! Since we understand he writes a song every ten minutes, there's bound to be something new for you to discover no matter how long you've been a fan – and if this is your first time hearing Tom, then pal, let me tell you you're in for a treat! Check out his website at <http://www.tomsmithonline.com/>
- **Andrew Ross**, mild-mannered (maybe?) lawyer by day, wickedly funny parodist by night, is here to be our gluten-free toasted carbohydrate product and to introduce all the cool events and acts we have for you – but also to put on a totally sweet concert! Hot from his Interfilk gig at GAFilk, he'll be all warmed up and ready to defrock your socks. I don't even know what that means and I'm still excited. He's got an incredible voice, a stage presence you won't believe, and some of the cleverest lyrics ever written, ranging from funny to touching to BWAHAHA. Don't miss him!

- Interfilk has brought us **October Country**, a rockin' celtic duo from Texas! A little bit funny, a little bit serious, a whole lot awesome. If you've never heard of them, **THAT'S THE POINT** – Interfilk Guests come from far away to spread their coolness in to bold new territories! I can't wait to hear what Casey & Shaddow have in store for us.
- **And lots more** – our programming kitsune has evil, mysterious, foxy plans! By which I mean a programming grid packed with cool concerts, workshops, ships, sealing wax and other stuff! There maaaaaay still be a couple concert or workshop slots left as you read this – contact Michelle Dockrey if you are interested!

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 October Country – and they promote the disturbing intermingling of filk cooties from around the world. Hooray! Bring your item donations with you to the con, and come to the auction for a fabulously fun, wallet-depleting good time!

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 join in the at-the-table instafilk fun. And even better than a prize in the cereal box, every brunch attendee will get an exclusive CD with tracks from our guests.

HEY WHAT'S THAT NOISE? I mean, CD?

Brunch attendees get a copy of the Conflikt souvenir CD, which includes all kind of tasty tracks from our guests and from our talented attendees! Are you interested in being on this CD? Some tracks are recorded early in the day on Friday, and some are submitted in advance – watch the Conflikt LJ community (it's called... "conflikt") and/or Progress Report #2 for more details on how to participate! Or just show up for the whole-con sing-along on Friday as we record one big number all together for the CD!

SING-ALONG!

Every year (ha! I can say that now that we're THREE YEARS OLD!) Conflikt's membership records a sing-along song as part of opening ceremonies! It's a great vocal warmup to kick off the con, and makes the Brunch CD a fun souvenir for all the participants! Watch this space and the Conflikt LJ community for the name and lyrics of this year's sing-along song so you can brush up in advance!

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, 2009.

Hey, have you booked your hotel room yet?

Don't wait - the first 50 rooms will come with an origami autoharp AND a pet vampire. (Mythical creatures not included. Autoharp not guaranteed to exist.)

Our room rate is the same low rate as last year - \$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

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

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\$50** until November 29, 2009 or **\$25 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!

Colouring page! Brooke is mad with power!



Love from the Conflikt Publicity Princess.