



Progress Report #2

Conflikt 5

January 27-29 2012

Message from the chair:

Wow, when did January get here? (Yeah I know, right after December). I am thrilled beyond measure to see Conflikt coming into its fifth year.

The filk community worldwide, and the community here in the Northwest have all helped to turn Conflikt into a great event. This year there are some new things happening, some faces from the years before, and faces I have never seen. The excitement is building here, and I hope for you as well!

-Beth Runnerwolf, Chair

Message from the vice-chair:

Confession: Conflikt 1 was my first filk con. I'd been to Norwescons and Orycons and some Worldcons, been to filk circles and concerts, but Conflikt was my first filk con. I mostly remember listening to a lot of music, getting takeout for the sound guy, and burning all 88 Conflikt 1 Brunch CDs on Saturday.

I discovered that filk isn't just music, it's community. Doesn't matter if you write, sing, play an instrument, or listen – you can belong.

At Conflikt 5, I hope that music and laughter will reign. I hope we can meet friends old and new and that we all get down time when we need it. I hope everyone will have a good and enjoyable con, and that we can get the duplicator robot spinning out CDs by midnight on Friday.

Jen Kilmer, Vice-Chair

FABULOUS Guests!

Guests of Honour: Bill & Brenda Sutton

Winners of 5 solo Pegasus awards (plus one Brenda shares with her Three Weird Sisters bandmates!) Co-founders of GAFilk! Writers of songs about stray alien dogs and congoers!

Toastmonster: Brooke Lunderville

Like all Canadians, Brooke leads a simple, serious life chronicling current events in very staid songs, such as her tearjerker *The Wreck of the Crash of the Easthill Mining Disaster*.

Interfilk Guest: Riverfolk

Becca Leathers and Chas Somdahl play a mix of filk and folk, with a little blues, country and even a few show tunes!

AND...

More Options! Most hours have multiple things scheduled!

Closer Together! Both function rooms and the dealer's room will be on the main floor for easy switching between rooms.

Theme circles! "An End of the World" theme circle! "Anne McCaffrey Rememberance and Tribute" theme circle! "A Cappella Crafting Circle" with Talis Kimberley!

Workshops! "How To Sing Artfully A Cappella" with Merav Hoffman! "Music Theory" with Kat Morrison and Aaron Bilodeau! "Deciding How to Sign a Song" with Dancing Hands & Judi Miller, who will be signing some concerts at the con!

Panels! "Song Writing Process" with Barigato and Cat, Aaron Bilodeau, and Talis Kimberley! "Is BNF A Dirty Word" with Rob Wynne, Judi Miller, and Merav Hoffman! "Home Recording" with Tony Fabris!

It All Starts Friday night!

Concerts from:

Char McKay!
Lookingglass Folk!
Aislinn the Bard!
Deborah Ruppert!
Vixy & Tony!
Talis Kimberley!
Betsy Tinney!
Sunnie Larsen!
We're Not Koi!
Mickey Phoenix!
Allegra Sloman!

...and our guests **Bill & Brenda Sutton, Brooke Lunderville, and Riverfolk!**

AND MORE GREAT THINGS FOR YOU TO JUMP INTO (or watch from a safe bunker off in the distance)!

- Prep your songs for theme circles and open filk!
- Songbook Sing-a-long! Did you submit a song for the songbook? You can lead it at the Sing-a-long!
- Two-fers – Sign up for your own tiny concert, 2 songs or 10 minutes!
- Juried One-Shots – Get feedback on your performance from our guests!
- Band Scramble – Sign up to be in a new band to perform a song on Sunday!
- Farewell jam of instruments and voices!
- The Smoked Salmon - Vegetarians Welcome! 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?

OPEN FILKS!

Stay up all night playing & singing with your friends in open filk on Friday & Saturday! Play your favourite tunes and learn some new favourites! Don't forget Sunday night's **Smoked Salmon Filk!**

LUNCH TICKETS! (with CD!)

Be sure to buy a ticket for our Special Saturday Lunch! It's a buffet lunch with a view from the top floor of the hotel, a chance to chat with our guests, and at-the-table instafilk fun. And every lunch attendee will get an exclusive CD with tracks from our guests. (Supporting members get the CD too, but if you're at the con anyway, why not join us for lunch?)

LUNCH CD SING-A-LONG!

Conflikt's membership records a sing-a-long song as part of Friday's opening ceremonies to help make the Lunch CD a fun souvenir for all the participants!

This year's sing-a-long is **Brenda Sutton's "Strangers No More"**, led by our Guests of Honour Bill and Brenda Sutton. See the Sing-a-long section of the Conflikt website to learn or refresh your memories of this Pegasus-winning song!

LUNCH CD SUBMISSIONS!

What goes on the Lunch CD besides the sing-a-long? Tracks from our guests and from you, the members of Conflikt!

If you have a recording you'd like to submit for this year's Lunch CD, please send it to **sound@conflikt.org**. A WAV or high-bitrate MP3 file is preferred to go on the actual CD; if you don't want to send that big a file through email, contact **sound@conflikt.org** to make file transfer arrangements.

We may also record some tracks for the Lunch CD before the con officially starts on Friday. Recording is (tentatively) scheduled between 2pm and 4pm. If you would like to be considered, please contact **sound@conflikt.org** with the time period you will be available on Friday afternoon.

THRILLING INTERFILK AUCTION!

Our talented auctioneers and wenches will auction off chocolate, filk-related rarities, and just plain silly stuff to raise money for Interfilk, the filk fan fund! They make it possible for us to have an extra, guest each year – this year Riverfolk – and they promote the strange and exciting intermingling of filkers around the filk cons! Hooray!

Bring your item donations with you to the con, and come to the auction for a fabulously fun and hilarious good time! (No purchase necessary, though you may find yourself enticed...)

HOTEL INFO!

Holiday Inn Seattle – SeaTac International Airport

17338 International Boulevard
Seattle, WA 98188
Locals: (206) 428-2105
Toll free: (877) 5-SEATAC

Our room rate is still \$99/night for 1 or 2 people in a standard room. Breakfast for 2 in the hotel restaurant and parking for 1 car is included with the room; additional cars are \$5 per day with Conflikt badge.

Suites are also available for \$10 or \$20 extra per night. The 3rd and 4th person in a room has a \$10 additional charge per person per night.

Please call the hotel directly to book your room! Be sure to tell them you are with the Conflikt convention to get our rate. Or email Amber Kelly in the reservations department at reservations@hi-seatac.com.

See below for more notes and directions!



Hotel Notes...

The hotel is across the street from the Seattle-Tacoma International airport. Light sleepers may want to bring earplugs.

Parking is \$5 per day with your con badge, or free with room.

The hotel has an indoor pool and hot tub.

The airport light rail station is half a block from the hotel.

Conflikt will be using all of the ground floor event space during the con.

To avoid having to suspend programming for lunch setup and tear-down, the special ticketed Saturday lunch will be in a separate room on the top floor.

OMG HOW DO I SIGN UP?

ONLINE

Register at our website with PayPal and/or credit card: www.conflikt.org

BY MAIL

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

Conflikt
PO Box 30113
Seattle, WA 98113

AT DOOR

We will naturally have registration at the con!

What does Conflikt cost?

- Attending memberships are US\$55.
- Children 12 & under admitted free.
- Lunch tickets are US\$30 and include the lunch CD.
- Lunch tickets for children (age 12 & under) are US\$20 and do not include a lunch CD.
- Supporting memberships are US\$25 and include a songbook and a lunch CD.

...and Further Afield!

The nearest 7-11 convenience store is a few blocks from the hotel. A small grocery and Safeway are within a mile. Trader Joe's is 4 miles away.

The nearest mall, Westfield Southcenter, is 3.5 miles away and has a variety of shops and restaurants. The hotel has a shuttle van to Westfield Southcenter.

The nearest music store is the Guitar Center southeast of Westfield Southcenter.

International Boulevard is Pacific Highway South on some maps. It's also State Route 99.

Locals use "SeaTac" to the airport OR the surrounding area OR the nearby city of SeaTac. (There was a SeaTac Mall, but it's been renamed.)

How Do I Get To Conflikt? You know, to the:

Holiday Inn Seattle – SeaTac International Airport

17338 International Boulevard

Seattle, WA 98188

(Between S 170th St and S 176th St)

PLANES

If you're flying into Seattle-Tacoma (SeaTac) International Airport, there is a 24 hour shuttle service is available to and from the hotel. Follow the signs at SeaTac Airport to Ground Transportation & Hotel Shuttles and look for the one to the Holiday Inn – SeaTac. There are phones available to call the hotel to request the shuttle, if you don't spot it right away!

If you have a rental car you picked up at SeaTac Airport (or if you picked up someone at Arrivals)

1. Follow the signs to exit the main parking / rental car area to the freeway.
2. Take the S 170th St exit and turn RIGHT onto S 170th St.
3. Turn RIGHT onto International Blvd.
4. The Holiday Inn – SeaTac will be on your LEFT. There is a left-turn lane.

If you have a rental car that you picked up off the airport grounds, I'm afraid I don't know exactly where you are. I suggest you ask the rental folks for a map of the area.

TRAINS (and other PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

If you're taking the local public transit, check out the trip planner at:

<http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov>

Plug in "17388 International Blvd" as your destination. Bus routes that stop near the hotel include A Line, 156, 180, and 560.

The SeaTac / Airport Light Rail Station is located at International Blvd and 176th! Right by the hotel! The station has a pedestrian bridge to the hotel's side of International Blvd. The light rail station even has a website:

<http://tinyurl.com/7oqpukk>

The light rail also stops near Amtrak's King Street Station in Seattle, if you want to take a train to a train!

AUTOMOBILES

From I-5 or I-405:

If you're coming from Canada, Oregon, and other points North or South of Tukwila, you'll probably take I-5. If you're coming from the Eastside (or if you're coming from Eastern Washington on I-90) you'll probably want to take I-405.

Whichever way you're arriving, these directions start where I-5 meets I-405, and I-405 becomes state route 518.

1. Merge on to highway 518.
 - a. From I-5 North, take exit 154A and stay to the Left on the exit ramp to West 518 towards Burien
 - b. From I-5 South, take exit 154B and stay to the Left on the exit ramp to West 518, Burien/Sea-Tac Airport
 - c. From I-405 South, continue straight across I-5 and you are now on Westbound 518.
2. Take the "SeaTac Airport / Highway 99" combined exit. Stay in the far right lane.
3. Immediately take the Highway 99 sub-exit.
4. Turn RIGHT to go to South Highway 99.
5. Turn RIGHT onto South Highway 99, which is also International Blvd.
6. Drive approximately 1.2 miles. The Holiday Inn – SeaTac will be on your LEFT. There is a left-turn lane.

TELEPORTERS

Local Earth coordinates:

47.448174 (47° 26' 53") N
122.29629 (122° 17' 47") W
110m elevation

Please consult your device documentation to convert to other forms of reference if needed.