Program Changes

Thursday, 2 September 2004

Additions
1 pm Liz Gorinsky added to “Did We Win? SF and Its Takeover of Popular Culture”
7 pm Scott Westerfeld added to the “Seven Deadly Sins of SF and Fantasy”

Canceled Items
6 pm “Rubbings”

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1 pm New Children’s Program item (to replace “Rubbings”) – Puppet-Making Workshop (Michael Sharrow): Explore the world of make believe and make some puppets (Beacon D)
1 pm Autographing at the NESFA table: Michael Swanwick
4 pm Farah Mendlesohn to “The Numinous in Science Fiction and Fantasy”
5 pm Autographing at the NESFA table: William Tenn

5 pm New Special Interest Group “Kingdom of Gondor and Arnor” – Holding “American Idol”-style auditions for the position of King! (Liberty A)

Changed Items (time, date, or location)
Noon Autographing at the NESFA table: Jack Speer from 2 pm
2 pm “The Well-Read Fan” moved from Friday at 9 pm
5 pm Autographing at the Asimov’s Table: Mike Moscoe moved to Thursday 5 – 6 pm

Removals
3 pm “Art of Jael”
6 pm “Portfolio”

Sunday, 5 September 2004

Additions
10 am Farah Mendlesohn to “Memorable Scenes”
1 pm New Special Interest Group item “Writers of the Future” (Liberty A)

Canceled Items
10 am “Print on Demand”

Changed Items (time, date, or location)
10 am “Developing On-Line Games” (Jessica Mulligan) moved from Thursday, 6 pm (1 hour, Dalton)

Removals
1 pm Tina Beychok from “Rewrite”
1 pm Laurie Marks from “Finding a Home in Fandom”
2 pm Dave Clements from “Forcefields”

Monday, 6 September 2004

Additions
11 am Autographing at the NESFA table: Terry Pratchett
11 am Farah Mendlesohn to “The Serious Side of Terry Pratchett”

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Welcome to Noreason Four, the 62nd time we've gotten together as a community to celebrate science fiction and the myriad of things we all do as fan activities. We are delighted you could join us as we honor our very special guests — Terry Pratchett, Jack Speer, William Tenn, and Peter Weston. We have been preparing for you for three years, and we want to ensure that this is one of the finest convention experiences you have ever had. Please let us know about any problems (tell Information in the ConCourse) that we might be able to help you solve. And we do hope you enjoy Boston as much as we do! — Deb Geisler

**Have You Been To All Four?**

We're wondering how many people have attended all four Noreasons since the first Noreason in 1971. We know of a few dozen of you, but there are probably many others that we don't know about. If you've been to all four Noreasons, please come and sign the guest book at the Information Desk in the ConCourse (Hynes Hall C). We'll give you a gold star to wear on your badge, and after the convention, we'll post the list on our web site.

**Live From Noreason 4**

Get the latest convention news from Live From Noreason 4 <noreason4.blogs.com/live>, our real-time collaborative convention-reporting weblog. Our roster of guest bloggers, including Leslie Turek, Amy Proni, Michael Nelson, Chaz Boston Baden, Dawn Burnell, Michael Burstein, Ariel Franklin-Hudson and Kate Nepveu, will be writing each day about their convention experiences. We're still looking for more contributors, so if you'd like to join in, send an e-mail to blog@noreason4.org.

**T Station Closings**

The MBTA has announced several station closings for this weekend that will affect Noreason attendees. From 9 pm Friday until late Monday, the Blue Line will be running shuttle buses from Wonderland to Maverick. This will be bad for people arriving by air.

Also from 9 pm Friday until late Monday, the Red Line will be running shuttles from Kendall to Park Street. This will affect locals, and people who were planning to park at Alewife and take the subway to Noreason.

Single-track service continues every night (as it has since the end of March) on the Orange Line from Haymarket north; evening trains are slower than normal because of it.

**Pro Photo Gallery**

The Pro Photo Gallery location was unintentionally left off the Convention Guide maps. It may be found on the third level of the Hynes, near Room H308.

**The Filkado**

D. J. Thoris's dreaded Music Pirates are threatening the planet Nesfan and only the forlorn Power of the Pun can stop them! The Filkado, a parody of Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado, is premiering in Club SF (Hynes 210) on Saturday at 5 pm. If you'd like to join the chorus, come to the rehearsal on Thursday at 4 pm in Hynes 102!

**Sunday Art Auction at 3 PM**

The art auction scheduled for 2 pm in the Convention Guide will actually start at 3 pm.

**WE WANT YOU**

The Volunteer Office is located on the second level of the Hynes (H207). Help is needed in all areas of the convention.

**Con Suite Opening**

According to an anonymous source, C.M.O.T. Dibbler's (and people complained Buccaneer used obscure names for function areas) will be opening tonight at 10 pm.

**Restaurant Reviews**

**Bangkok Cuisine**

We just had a very pleasant dinner at Bangkok Cuisine, a short walk over on Massachusetts Ave (177 Mass Ave.). This is one of the oldest Thai restaurants in the area (they claim to be the first one in New England) and it is one of the best. It's in a very unpretentious space, basically a long narrow storefront with rows of tables along each side. But the dishes have a depth of flavor that you don't always find. We had the sweet and sour shrimp soup, which was tangy with fresh lime juice and lemongrass, a very rich and gingery beef ginger, and the tofu with bean sprouts and snow peas. Coconut and ginger ice cream finished off this repast, and the bill was only $16/person with tax and tip. The only negative was that the service was a bit slow. — Leslie Turek

**Men-Tei**

Men-Tei, 66 Hereford Street (between Boylston & Newbury), about one block from the Hynes (617-425-0066). The name means "Noodle Shop" in Japanese and that's what they specialize in. Basic everyday Japanese food. Cash only. They can't handle large groups. Monday to Saturday 11:30 am to 10 pm; Sunday 11:30 am to 9 pm. — Tony Lewis

**Tuesday Badge Count**

Registration reports that 228 people picked up badges on Tuesday. Our thanks to everyone who showed up early to help set up.

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