

FilKONtario 20

Progress Report

Come join us at FilKONtario, April 9 - 11, 2010, at the Delta Hotel Toronto Airport West, Mississauga, Ontario! Visit our web site at www.filkontario.ca for lots more info! Please plan to join us, and remember to let your friends on LJ, Facebook, Twitter, etc. know that you're coming!

Guests

Guests of Honour: Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff



Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff are two-time Pegasus award winning songwriter/performers from Northern California who light up a stage with Maya's wonderful voice, Jeff's amazing guitar work, and a brilliant combination of wicked parodies and haunting original songs. Jeff's evil grin as he introduces a new parody is not to be missed, and neither is the chance to hang out with two of the nicest people ever born. Their latest CD, *Möbius Street* is a set of original songs, as is *Manhattan Sleeps*. *Aliens Ate My Homework* and *Retro Rocket Science* are

collections of parody songs; the next will include the much-anticipated Bohemian Rhapsody parody. To say their music is affected by diverse influences and different cultures is an understatement.

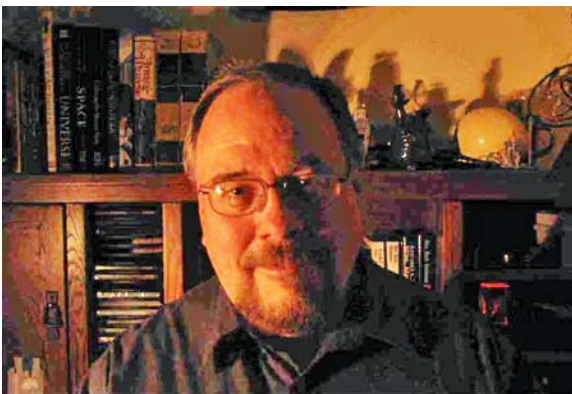
Maya is also a writer and editor of fantasy and science fiction, and a founding author of Book View Cafe. Jeff and Maya can be found online at <http://www.jeffandmaya.com>.

Filk Waif: Erica Neely



Erica Neely has been filking since 1996, although she has moved so many times that she mostly still feels like a newbie. Known for writing mainly serious songs, she has two albums out (*Not Everybody Dies* and *Hello Stranger*) and will be working on her third (*Half Past Eternity*) if she ever picks an introduction to philosophy textbook that doesn't immediately go out of print. When she isn't contemplating ways to strangle academic publishers, she administers the Pegasus Awards, wenches for Interfilk, and otherwise generally tries to spread good cheer in the filk world. After all, death is so much better when saved for songs...

Interfilk Guest: William Mark Simmons



Wm. Mark Simmons has led a varied career as an entertainer, college professor, journalist and broadcaster. A classically-trained vocal prodigy, he performed in conservatory recitals when he was 16. A downward spiral ensued: musical theatre, then gigs in restaurants and bars. Finally the ultimate degradation: he discovered filk. Originally a "filker who writes," he is now an author who filks. His first novel, *In the Net of Dreams*, made the LOCUS "Best List" and was a finalist for the

Compton Crook Award. Six more books and a novella have followed but he still finds time to do damage to his musical legacy.

Programming

The Filk Hall of Fame Awards Banquet

Only those attending the banquet are admitted to the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, where we announce this year's inductees. Places are limited and tickets are available in advance. Cost is \$38 in advance and slightly more at the door.

Contests

Main Song Contest

2010 Topic: Time Travel

The song MUST have been written between FKO 19 and FKO 20. The song may NOT already appear on a recording. Please hand in a copy of your song at the registration desk!

Entries on tape or sung by a friend are quite welcome. If the songwriter is not present, please bring a note giving permission for the entry, or have the songwriter send an email to conchair@filkontario.ca.

Instafilk Penguin Song Contest

The song must be written at FKO20. It must contain all of the short list of words that will be available at registration.

Secret Contest

We'd tell you about it, but it's a secret!

More Programming

- Opening Ceremonies / Party
- Children's Programming: children's banquet opposite the Hall of Fame banquet, other programming items tba.
- Workshops Concerts: Guests, Filk Hall of Fame, attendees, and one shots
- Themed filks, open filks
- Interfilk auction
- FKO auction

Workshops

Jeff will be offering a workshop on guitar techniques, and Maya will be doing a reading.

Erica has offered a performance workshop.

Mark's workshop is titled "Fangs for the Memories" and will discuss differences in vampire myths across time and space.

The Filk Bizarre

In the past our consignment sales area has had music, books, instruments, jewelry, art & fantasy-related items. Oh, and did we mention music?

Please note that the Dealers' Room operates in **Canadian** funds. Other funds may also be accepted at the discretion of the individual dealers.

To request a dealers' package please contact: Peggi Warner-Lalonde at dealers@filkontario.ca or visit the dealers' area online to download the form.

Con Suite

Bob and Sheryl Guest will be running the con suite, with help from some friendly volunteers. They are planning some amazing food, and will provide you with tasty treats, drinks, and pleasant smiles.

FKO Auction

We are planning to auction a few select items in order to keep FilKONtario viable, including a one-of-a-kind video DVD of some wonderful performers from Canada, the US, England and Germany, filmed live at many conventions over the last few years.

Hotel

Still at the delightful...

Delta Hotel Toronto Airport West

5444 Dixie Road
Mississauga, ON L4W 2L2
905-624-1144 or 1-800-737-3211

<http://www.deltahotels.com/hotels/hotels.php?hotelId=153>

Room rates: **CDN\$118/night** (plus taxes) for one to four people.

Please make sure you identify yourself as being with FilKONtario to qualify for the convention rate. Check-in is 3 pm, check-out is 1 pm. The room block includes double/double and queen rooms.

Book online at:

<http://www.deltatorontoairportwest.com/fil0408001>

You will be directed to a page listing the convention and dates; click "Book Now". This year we have negotiated FREE PARKING for our attendees.

Check our reg desk at con for the FKO restaurant guide.

For hotel guests, there is a complimentary (free!) airport shuttle, available 24 hours a day, to and from Pearson International Airport. Contact the hotel or check our web site for more info.

Memberships

Pre-reg: CDN or US \$55, to March 15, 2009. The price goes up to \$65 at the door.

Supporting memberships: \$5, which includes mailings, program book and our sincerest thanks.

We now accept PayPal. Please contact Dave Hayman at reg@filkontario.ca.

Want to know if your friends are coming? We will be posting a list on our web site. You can check your registration at http://www.filkontario.ca/documents/FKO_prereg.pdf.

NOTE: Reg opens at con on the Friday at 4:00.

Volunteers

Thanks so much to all of you who have volunteered! We couldn't do without you! Please come and do it again!

- Can you "babysit" the con suite for an hour or two?
- Can you be a penguin (gopher)?

Contact our penguin wrangler, Howard, at volunteers@filkontario.ca.

ConCom

FilKONtario 20 is brought to you by :

Conchair: Howard Scrimgeour

Concom: Heather Borean, Jane Garthson, Dave Hayman, Judith Hayman, Sally Headford, Sue Jeffers, Ken Lalonde, Peggi Warner-Lalonde.

Staff: Claire Beaumier, Carolyn Brown, Bob and Sheryl Guest, Tom Jeffers, Marah Searle-Kovacevic, Gabi Toth.

FilKONtario Registration Form

Please use one form per person, and please make sure we receive your payment by March 15, 2010. Cheques or money orders in either CDN or US dollars are accepted. Special arrangements can be made ONLY for overseas members. To use PayPal, please contact: Dave at reg@filkontario.ca

Just fill in this form and mail it with your cheque or money order to:

FilKONtario
c/o 98-145 Rice Ave
Hamilton, ON, L9C 6R3
Canada

* Required Field

Name *	
Badge Name	
Address *	
City *	
Province / State *	
Postal / Zip *	
Phone *	
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Membership: Adult \$55, Child 6 -12 \$22.50, Child under 6 free.	\$
Banquest: \$38	\$
Supporting Membership (program book mailed to you): \$5.00	\$
Total Amount Enclosed	\$

I would like to volunteer for the following:

- Set up and tear down Runners Mic Ninja
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