

Ontario's Science Fiction and Fantasy Music Convention

FilKONtario 21

Progress Report

Please come and join us on April 1 - 3, 2011 at the Delta Hotel Toronto Airport West, Mississauga, Ontario for our twenty-first birthday bash! The Hotel is even throwing us a Friday night party in place of "Tie and Tails". The theme of the evening, and, in fact, the whole convention including the songwriting contest is "Coming of Age." 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: **Wild Mercy**



Wild Mercy started as a vocal-and-instrumental duo (Jen Midkiff on Celtic harp, Debbie Gates on keyboard and percussion) playing "eclectic Celtic" music.

In 2002, Barry and Sally Childs-Helton joined the band (on bass/guitar and drums/percussion respectively), and brought in the subversive influence of filk, which resonated magically in a band full of avid SF readers.

Things quickly got out of hand from there.

Jen picked up an electric bass, Debbie gathered a small arsenal of guitars and percussion toys, and by 2004, Wild Mercy had started playing concerts at cons in addition to their periodic appearances at Celtic festivals, art fairs, libraries, weddings, and smoky pseudo-Irish bars.

Their filk repertoire burgeoned (along with their collective addiction to all that attentive, high-quality fannish listening) as their style continued to sprout more rock, jazz, and choral elements.

Now all four band members are doing concerts (solo or in various combinations) at conventions, and happily haunting filk rooms 'til the wee hours.

Filk Waif: **Karen Linsley**



Karen Linsley's love of both music and science fiction began at a very early age with her father in the lead. A trumpet player from the big band era, he exposed Karen to big band music and jazz, in fact; there was always music in the house. He also raised her as a Trekker, and amateur backyard astronomer.

Karen majored in music at the University of Toronto and later began singing and playing professionally.

She has appeared on radio and TV programs, co-wrote and recorded the hit country song "Somebody Else's Heart", co-wrote and performed the winning song in the Mars Society's anthem competition (Pioneers of Mars), and has won a Pegasus award for "The Road to Roswell". She is thrilled to have been offered the opportunity to be FilKONtario's Filk Waif.

Interfilk Guests: **Ghost of a Rose**



Ghost of a Rose are Sundara, Dene Foye, and William Boatman; and the music they play is eclectic...within the same performance you can hear Celtic music, SCA/Renaissance music, Pagan music, Filk music, or original pieces.

Sundara is originally from the Chicago Area, where

she participated in filk circles at conventions and SCA events.

Dene has been playing guitar and singing folk music since 1967, playing with several different groups over the years, performing everything from folk music to German Oktoberfest songs.

William is letting a lifetime of orchestral and chamber music cello playing take on new breath in playing folk, filk and celtic music.

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

2011 Topic: Coming of Age

The song MUST have been written between FKO 20 and FKO 21. 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 FKO21. 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 and 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
- Theme filks, open filks
- Interfilk auction
- FKO auction

Workshops

Wild Mercy will be doing at least one cool workshop, if we can only settle on one of the many options they've given us...! Oh the choices...!

Karen Linsley will be doing something a little different, possibly something along the lines of a by-request theme filk, currently titled "Make 'em laugh: 'ose-free comedic filk circle."

Ghost of a Rose are going to be running a workshop on Collaborative Song Writing.

Tom Jeffers and his cohorts Barry and Gundo in "Seeing Double". Part workshop, part performance and featuring double-neck guitars.

The Filk Bizarre

In the past our consignment sales area has had music, books, instruments, jewelry, art and 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. If you register for your table before February 14, you get a free business card sized ad in the program book.

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.

Hotel

Ten years at the same hotel... wow!

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.hp?hotellid=153>

Room rates: **CDN\$119/night** (plus taxes) for one to four people. An online link to register at the Hotel will be posted on the FKO Hotel page as soon as we receive one. For hotel issues contact hotel@filkontario.ca

And hotel block closes March 8, 2010. The rate is not guaranteed after that date.

Please make sure you identify yourself as being with FilkONTario to qualify for the convention rate.

Wear your badge to the hotel restaurant to get 10% off all meals.

Check-in is 3 pm, check-out is 1 pm. The room block includes double/double and queen rooms.

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 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, 2011. Higher at the door.

Youth rate: 13 - 17 yrs, pre-reg: CDN or US \$34, to March 15, 2011. Higher 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/html/news.htm>

Just click on the Here's the PDF under "Who's Coming?"

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 21 is brought to you by :

Conchair: Sue Jeffers.

Concom: Jane Garthson, Dave Hayman, Judith Hayman, Sally Headford, Tom Jeffers, Howard Scrimgeour, Ken Lalonde, Peggi Warner-Lalonde.

On sabbatical: Heather Borean

Staff: Claire Beaumier, Carolyn Brown, Bob and Sheryl Guest, Norma McPhee, Gabi Toth.

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FilKONtario Registration Form

Please use one form per person, and please make sure we receive your payment by March 15, 2011. 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 *	
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Membership: Adult \$55, Child 6 -12 \$22.50, Child under 6 free.	\$
Banquet: \$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

Consuite

Runners

Registration

Mic Ninja