



SwanCon 32: Inconceivable!

Progress Report Two



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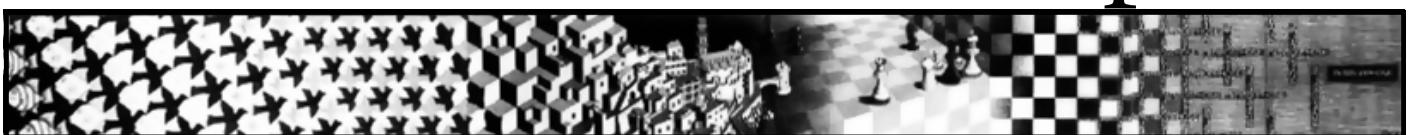
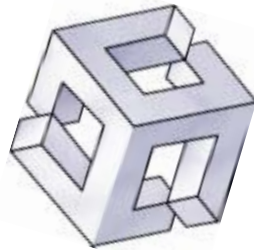


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Fan Guest of Honour

Damian Magee



Prices

Full Membership \$120 - Concession \$100

Memberships are available from Fantastic Planet, White Dwarf Books, Empire Toys, Quality Comics and Tactics.

If you can't get to any of these places, email Michael at convenor@swancon.com to sort out alternative payment methods.

Convenor's Report

Hello everyone, and welcome to the penultimate progress report for SwanCon 32: Inconceivable! The committee are well on the way to having a fantastic convention lined up for your pleasure. The guests are certainly looking forward to coming over, and can even get here now that their flights have been paid for.

If you're planning on getting a room for SwanCon at the venue (now known as the All Seasons Perth), please book as soon as possible. The hotel is looking at opening up some of the rooms to the public - obviously we'd like to avoid that and have the entire venue to ourselves!

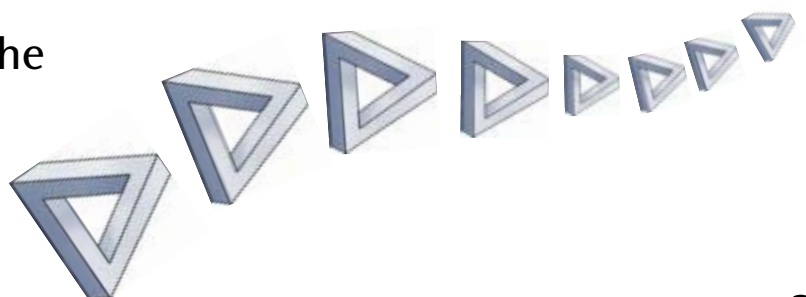
Congratulations must go to Tommo for having such a full programme this far out from the convention. We're still looking for a few people to sit on some of the panels, so if you see something you like, email Tom at program@swancon.com. There are also one or two slots still open in the Academic stream, so if you have a topic that you're interested in presenting, email Erika at academic@swancon.com.

We have a few more events between now and the convention. There will be an Open Programming Meeting at the Moon Cafe on Sunday 11th February from 3pm, where we're hoping to get your views on our draft programme. Following this, on Sunday 11th March we're having our second quiz "night" at the Hyde Park Hotel from 4pm. There will also be the Guests' Dinner a couple of days before the convention, where you can have the chance to rub shoulders with Elizabeth and David - stay tuned for more details on this soon.

On a final note, we're now calling for nominations for the Tin Duck Awards, so follow the instructions on the insert in this report and see if you can reward your favourite piece with a prize.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events!

Michael Dawson
Convenor, SwanCon 32



Elizabeth Moon - Biography

Elizabeth Moon is an American science fiction and fantasy author, living in Florence, Texas. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in History before rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps. She later obtained a B.A. in Biology, and is also an experienced paramedic.

Elizabeth's first attempt at a book was a biography of the family dog, written at age six. Although a failure, she continued to write interestingly. Her first fiction sales began at age forty, with *Bargains* to Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Sword & Sorceress III* and *ABC's in Zero G* to *Analog*. These both appeared in the summer of 1986.

In 1987 Elizabeth sold her first novel, *Sheepfarmer's Daughter*. It came out the following year, and in 1989 won the Compton Crook Award. Since then, the total has risen to 18 novels, including two co-authored with



Anne McCaffrey in her *Planet Pirate* series, omnibus editions of several series, two short-fiction collections and several dozen works of short fiction.

Elizabeth's most recent releases include *Judgment* in *The Dragon Quintet* and *Gifts* in *Masters of Fantasy*. In 1997, her novel *Remnant Population* was nominated for a Hugo, and *The Speed of Dark* was a finalist for the Arthur C. Clarke Award, and won the Nebula in 2004.

Her most recent book is *Command Decision*, the fourth in the *Vatta's War* series, to be released in February 2007.

David Gerrold - Biography

David Gerrold started his career as a college student, in 1966, by submitting an unsolicited story outline to *Star Trek*, then in the infancy of its original series. Invited to submit several premises, one was chosen, and so arguably the most popular episode of all time, *The Trouble with Tribbles*, was born.

As well as being responsible for many of the ideas incorporated into *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and authoring *The World of Star Trek*, a best-selling book about the birth of the phenomenon, David continued writing for many science fiction television series, including *Land of the Lost*, *Babylon 5*, *Sliders*, *Logan's Run*, *Tales From The Darkside* and *The Twilight Zone* - over a dozen shows in total!

David has also published over 40 books, some of the best known being *The Man Who Folded Himself* and *When H.A.R.L.I.E. Was One*, which was nominated for Best Novel for both the Hugo and Nebula awards. In 1995, he won the Hugo and Nebula for *The Martian Child*, an autobiographical tale of his son's adoption.

David is the author of the *Star Wolf* series of novels, as well as the *War Against the Chtorr* series. With four parts released so far, he is currently writing the fifth. His most recent novel is *Blood and Fire*, published in 2004. Currently, David lives in Northridge, California with his son Sean, four neurotic dogs, and two snotty cats.



Matthew Reilly - Biography

At 31, Matthew Reilly is the international bestselling author of eight books including *Ice Station*, *Temple*, *Contest*, *Area 7*, *Scarecrow* and the children's book *Hover Car Racer*. His books are published in 20 countries in 18 languages, and he has sold over 2 million books worldwide.

Walt Disney Pictures recently optioned the movie rights to *Hover Car Racer*, while the book was still in manuscript form. 2005 saw the release of not one but two of his books: *Hell Island*, a novella written specifically for the Australian Government's 'Books Alive' initiative, and the epic adventure *Seven Ancient Wonders*, which went on to become the bestselling book by an Australian in 2005.

Reilly owns and drives a Delorean, one of only a few in Australia. He also owns a life-size replica of Han Solo, encased in carbonite.

Russell B. Farr - Biography

Russell was born in Perth and now lives in Northam, Western Australia. From 1996 to 1999 he ran Ticonderoga Publications, publishing six books by writers including Howard Waldrop, Steven Utley, Stephen Dedman, Sean Williams and Simon Brown.

In 1999 he founded the online journal TiconderogaOnline. Following a six-year hiatus, he resurrected Ticonderoga Publications in late 2005, announcing several new titles and a long-awaited collection, *Troy*, by Simon Brown.

Russell made his first fiction sale to Vision Magazine in 2003. He has authored over 100 stories, articles, reviews and essays, in amateur publications in Australia, the US and Norway. From 2000 to 2004 he edited the fanzine *No Award*. Russell is also an Associate Editor of *Science Fiction: A review of speculative literature*. In 2000 he was a Convenor of the Aurealis Awards, and judged the Katherine Susannah Pritchard SF Short Story Award in 2003.

SwanCon 32 - Draft Programme

THURSDAY	Montana A	Montana B	Oshanesii	Cocktail Lounge
4.00pm	Check in and Registration			
5.00pm	Talkin' 'bout my Generation - The New Generation of Video Game Consoles Panelists: Grant Watson, John Parker, Wendy White	Future Landscapes Presenter: Chris Creagh	Fanvids Panelists: Sophie Ambrose, Vanessa Haung (more needed!)	
6.00pm	Dinner			
7:30pm	Opening Ceremony			
8:30pm	Keeping Cyberpunk Fresh Panelists: Dave Cake, John Parker, Chris Gorham	An Alternate History of Medicine Panelists: Stephen Griffiths, Tom Gaunt, Karen McKenna	Predicting the Classics Panelists: Russell B Farr, Simon Oxwell, Dave Lockett	
9:30pm	Thrills, Spills and Continuity - Continuous Storylines and "Monster of the Week" Aesthetics in TV Panelists: Damian Magee, Grant Watson, Paul Kidd	The History of Western Occultism Presenter: Dave Cake	Q&A - Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About Publishing but Were Afraid to Ask Presenter: Russell B Farr	
10:30pm	Magical Hat of Mystery with John and Grant Presenters: Grant Watson, John Robertson	The Nightstalker Presenter: Damian Magee		

FRIDAY	Montana A	Montana B	Oshanesii	Cocktail Lounge
9am	Dance Dance Revolution Aerobics Run By: April Rutkay, Chris Bobridge			
10am	Girl Gamers Panelists: Ju, Zoe Wadsworth (more needed!)	Costuming Panelists: Cathy Rye, Lisa Rye, Shasta Calvo	Paul Kidd Book Launch Presenter: Paul Kidd	Art Show
11am	Never Give Anything Away - "No Explanation" Fiction Panelists: Tom Eitelhuber, Simon Oxwell (more needed!)	Feminist Military SF Panelists: Elizabeth Moon, Heather Magee (more needed!)	The Superhero Construction Kit Run By: Dave Thatcher, Chris Bobridge	
12pm	Children's Books With Subversively Adult Material Panelists: John Robertson, Emma Hawkes (more needed!)	Breaking Reader Expectations Panelists: Elizabeth Moon, David Gerrold, Matthew Reilly	The Best TV You've Never Seen Panelists: Damian Magee, Simon Oxwell, Stephen Griffiths	
1pm	Lunch			
2pm	The Politics of Taste Panelists: Cathy Cupitt, John Robertson, Dave Thatcher	Marketing First, Movie Later Panelists: Wuffie, Grant Watson, David Gunn	Roleplaying Theory Panelists: Chris Gorham, Paul McLaughlan, Dave Cake, Greg Tannahil, Paul Kidd	
3pm	International Guest of Honour Speech Speaker: Elizabeth Moon		Amateur Film Making Panelists: Graeme Watson, Simon Oxwell (more needed!)	
4pm			Ray Bradbury's "The Martian Chronicles" Presenter: David Medlen	

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5pm	<p>Villains that Aren't Stupid</p> <p>Panelists: Wuffiee, Simon Oxwell, Matthew Reilly</p>	<p>What's Wrong With the Comic Book Industry?</p> <p>Panelists: Paul McLaughlan, Dave Cake (more needed!)</p>	<p>Book Club: David Gerrold - "The Man Who Folded Himself"</p> <p>Moderator: Chris Bobridge</p>	Art Show
6pm	Dinner			
7:30pm	<p>Walking Through the Valley of the Uncanny</p> <p>Panelists: John Parker, Grant Watson, Graeme Watson</p>	<p>Murder By Death</p> <p>Panelists: Stephanie Bateman-Graham, Stevo, Damian Magee, Stephen Dedman</p>	<p>Is There Anybody Out There? - Results of the Ticongeroga Online 2006 Reader Survey</p> <p>Presenter: Russell B Farr</p>	
8:30pm	<p>Trailer Park</p> <p>Presenters: Grant Watson, Simon Oxwell, David Gunn</p>	<p>Putting Real World Characters Into Fantasy Worlds</p> <p>Panelists: Dave Cake, Dave Lockett (more needed!)</p>	<p>Professional Promotion</p> <p>Presenter: Russell B Farr, Matthew Reilly (more needed!)</p>	
9:30pm	<p>Grumpy Old Fen</p> <p>Panelists: Damian Magee, Dave Lockett, Ian Nicholls</p>	<p>Video Game Design</p> <p>Panelists: Greg Tannahil, Paul Kidd, Mike Fineberg</p>	<p>Radio SF</p> <p>Panelists: Sarah Xu, Dave Bent (more needed!)</p>	
10:30pm	<p>Trashy Post Apocalyptic Fiction</p> <p>Presenters: Anna Hepworth, John Parker, Elaine Kemp</p>	<p>The Japanese Ring Cycle</p> <p>Panelists: Grant Watson, Damian Magee, Martin Livings</p>	<p>Download This!</p> <p>Panelists: Michael Dawson (more needed!)</p>	

SATURDAY	Montana A	Montana B	Oshanesii	Cocktail Lounge
9am	Saturday Morning Cartoons - Future Classics Panelists: Damian Magee, Graeme Watson (more needed!)			
10am	Autobiographical SF Panelists: Elizabeth Moon, David Gerrold (more needed!)	Celebrities of Fandom and the Fannish Social Heirarchy Panelists: Chris Bobridge, Danny Oz, Russell B Farr	Martin Livings Book Launch Presenter: Martin Livings	Art Auction
11am	The Science of Time Travel Panelists: Sophie Ambrose, Andrew Williams (more needed!)	The Future of Feminism in SF&F Panelists: Cathy Cupitt, Emma Hawkes (more needed!)	The Prophecy Panelists: Dave Lockett, Marian Foster (more needed!)	
12pm	Blade Attractions - Back to Basics Presenter: Kaneda		Constructive Criticism Panelists: Cathy Cupitt, Matthew Reilly, Russell Farr, Elizabeth Moon	
1pm	Lunch			
2pm	Capes and Tights Look Better in Widescreen: Comic-to-Film Adaptations Panelists: Tom Eitelhuber, Grant Watson, Stephen Griffiths	Borrowing from SF Panelists: Matthew Reilly, David Gerrold, Russell B Farr	Video Quiz Run By: Damian Magee	Video Stream
3pm	Principles and Paycheques Panelists: Grant Watson, Elaine Kemp, David Gerrold	A Guide to Preparing and Presenting Manuscripts Presenter: Russell B Farr, Karen Babcock, Matthew Reilly, Elizabeth Moon	Book Club: Elizabeth Moon - "The Speed of Dark" Moderator: Chris Gorham	

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4pm	International Guest of Honour Speech Speaker: David Gerrold		The Word Came From Outer Space Presenter: Jo Squires	Video Stream
5pm			The Gondwana Troutfishing Society AGM: The Howard Waldrop Panel Panelists: Chris Stronach, Russell B Farr, Robin Pen, Johnathon Strahan	
6pm	Dinner			
7:30pm	Masquerade Setup		The Generic Dr Who Panel Panelists: Simon Oxwell, Damian Magee, Grant Watson, Danny Oz, Colin Sharpe	
8:30pm	Masquerade Theme: Retro!			
9:30pm			Toy Modding Presenter: Wuffie	
10:30pm			Edgar Allen Poe Presenter: Damian Magee	

SUNDAY	Montana A	Montana B	Oshanesii	Cocktail Lounge
9am	Let's Get Caffeinated! Presenter: Kaneda			
10am	Original Reasons for an Alien Invasion Panelists: Dave Thatcher, Andrew Williams, John Robertson	He Beat the Bad Guy and Got the Girl (and it was awesome!) Panelists: Cathy Cupitt, Matthew Reilly, Elizabeth Moon, David Gerrold	Future Directions of Roleplaying Panelists: Paul McLaughlan, Chris Gorham, Paul Kidd	WASFF AGM
11am	Australian Guest of Honour Speech Speaker: Matthew Reilly		Construct the 20th Century League of Extraordinary Gentlemen Run By: (moderator needed!)	
12pm	Writer's Workshop Run By: Jessica Vivien, Elaine Kemp	Breaking the Light Barrier Panelists: Owen Wylde, Andrew Williams (more needed!)	Top 10 Comic Book Movies (by Audience Vote) Run By: Tom Eitelhuber	
1pm	Lunch			
2pm	Verging on Invincible Panelists: Grant Watson, Dave Cake (more needed!)	Whatever Happened to My Post-Apocalyptic World? Panelists: Damian Kneale, John Parker, Graeme Watson	Auction (auctioneer needed!)	
3pm	Different Types of Horror - A Guide for the Uninformed Panelists: Damian Magee, Stephen Dedman, Martin Livings	Classic Fantasy that Isn't LotR Panelists: Marian Foster (more needed!)		
4pm	Voodoo Presenter: Dave Cake	SF's Exploitation of Mythology Panelists: Elizabeth Moon, David Gerrold (more needed!)		
				Video Stream

SUNDAY	Montana A	Montana B	Oshanesii	Cocktail Lounge
5pm	Swancon 33 Launch Presenters: The Swancon 33 Committee			Video Stream
6pm	Dinner			
7:30pm	Awards Ceremony Setup		Languages Other than English in English Texts	
8pm	Awards Ceremony (8pm Start)		Panelists: Stephanie Cooke, Desiree Heald (more needed!)	
8:30pm			Magic in Space	
9:30pm			Theme Parks and Sandboxes - A Discussion of MMORPGs	
10:30pm			Filkaraoke Run By: John Robertson, Desiree Heald	

MONDAY	Montana A	Montana B	Oshanesii	Cocktail Lounge
9am	The History of Animation Presenters: Damian Magee, Tim Beeson			Video Stream
10am	SF&F Post 11/9 Panelists: Stephen Griffiths, David Medlen, Elizabeth Moon	How to Run a Convention Panelists: Michael Dawson, Grant Watson, Dave Cake, others TBA	Academic Stream	
11am	Taboos of Fandom Panelists: Danny Oz, Dave Cake, Sarah Parker, Grant Watson	Surely 200 Pages is Enough? Panelists: Cathy Cupitt, Russell B Farr, Dave Lockett		
12pm	Fan Guest of Honour Speech Speaker: Damian Magee	Socialism in SF&F Panelists: Dave Cake, Russell B Farr, Paul McLaughlan		
1pm	Lunch			
2pm	Getting the Physics Right (or Wrong) in Space Battles Panelists: Andrew Williams, David Gerrold, Elizabeth Moon	Female Target Audiences in SF&F Panelists: Sue Clennell, Emma Hawkes (more needed!)	Academic Stream	
3pm	Swancon QI Presenter: Dave Cake, Contestants TBC			
4pm	Closing Ceremony			
5pm				

Upcoming Events

Open Programming Meeting

The third Open Programming Meeting is coming up. We'll be looking at an actual programme this time, full of actual panels that have been rostered onto actual times! It's all becoming so real!

The first draft of the timetable can be found in this Progress Report, so you can all get acquainted with it before the meeting.

When: Sunday 11th February, from 3pm

Where: The Moon Cafe, Northbridge

Quiz Night

Test your mind against the best that Perth fandom has to offer! Be amazed at the displays of encyclopaedic knowledge of all things fan-related, and surprise yourself with your own keen insight. Win fabulous prizes!

When: Sunday 11th March, 4pm to 8pm

Where: The Hyde Park Hotel, North Perth

Guests' Dinner

Details coming soon!

Venue

SwanCon 32: Inconceivable! will be held at the All Seasons Perth (formerly the Acacia Hotel) in Northbridge. Attendees of SwanCon 2006 will know what a great venue this turned out to be.

Rooms can be booked by calling the hotel on (08) 9328 0000. Be sure to mention that you are booking for SwanCon, otherwise you may be told there are no rooms available. Prices start from \$90 a night. It is recommended that you book as soon as possible, as the hotel completely booked out in 2006.

Short Story Competition

SwanCon is still having a short story competition! No, really!

Here's what we want from you: Your creative vision, in the form of a speculative fiction, science fiction, fantasy or horror story. Entries should be no more than 5000 words in length. For the full list of rules and conditions of entry, see <http://www.swancon.com>.

Both amateurs and professionals are encouraged to submit, with all judging being held blind (please donate generously to the Guide Dog Appeal). We're also open to young'uns, with a 15 Years & Under category. We'll even give you your own award, to lord it over your (inferior) elder peers.

Submit your entry electronically in Microsoft Word, Plain Text, Rich Text or Adobe PDF formats via email to swancon32@gmail.com

Hardcopy submissions may be mailed to:

GPO Box G429

Perth WA, 6841

Art Show

It's time again to show your artistic flair! The SwanCon 32: Inconceivable Art Show will be taking place on Friday 6th April, with the Art Show Auction on Saturday morning.

Please email artshow@swancon.com with a brief description of your submission, including dimensions, mounting requirements, and whether the piece is for display or sale. There is a limit of 20 pieces per person, and a submission fee of \$2 per piece applies.

We are also looking for volunteers to help by spending an hour or two in the Art Show ensuring that all your hard work isn't damaged. Please let us know your contact details if you are available!

Fanvid Competition

Remember last SwanCon, when you went to a vidding panel, caught a nap in the video stream, or watched the closing vid, and decided “I want to do that!” Now is the time for us to ask “Have you done it?” and for you to whistle quietly and look shifty.

Never fear! There is still time to get started on a video competition entry so fantastic and wonderful that it will make Tarantino weep tears of blood and Spielberg give up the director’s chair for good.

There are several categories where you can release your vid to take on all comers, Pokemon-style. We have the Rarities, for vids featuring those shows or characters who never get as much attention in fandom as you’d like. We have the Romantics for all you cuddle-bunnies and slashers out there to prove that the subtext is really text! The Experimental category is for those of you who like to stretch your vidding muscles (and maybe mess with our heads at the same time). Storytellers is the category for those who like to make vids showing us something about your favourite character or show. And debuting this year is the Challenge category. These are vids that in some way meet, define or exemplify the idea of ‘Inconceivable!’ All videos will also automatically be entered into General competition.

Full details and rules are available at <http://www.swancon.com>. So get vidding!

Call for Academic Papers

Calling all academics and experts! The Call for Papers is now open. For all the details, visit <http://www.swancon.com>. If you would like an information pack sent to you directly, please email the Academic Coordinator at academic@swancon.com.