

# Clear Ether

The newsletter of the 2002 Arisia science fiction convention

Friday afternoon edition

## Attention Late Sleepers

According to the hotel, housekeeping staff will only be able to do a full cleaning of a room if they can get in sometime in the morning. Guests who don't let them in until the afternoon will get fresh towels and have their trash emptied only.

## Arisia Needs Volunteers!

Arisia is an all-volunteer organization and we always need more volunteers. Go to the gopher hole in the Fairfield room on the mezzanine and find out how you can help, and how you can earn free T-shirts and a membership to next year's con.

## Babysitting Is Sold Out

Arisia will not be accepting babysitting memberships at the door this year.

## Free Stuff For Your Party

Having a party? Come down to Operations in the Hancock Room and let us know. We'll give you some supplies and a mention in the newsletter.

## Late Night Eats

At Arisia's request, Swan's Court (the hotel lobby restaurant) will be open until 2:00 am both Friday and Saturday nights.

## Film Schedule Change

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, our silent movie, will show at 10:30 tonight instead of 10:00.

## LARP Details

Registration for the first LARP, *Fallen Imperium: Survival of the Fittest*, will be open Friday from 2-7 in Alcott. This is a science-fiction/cyberpunk game. It will run from 7pm on in Back Bay.

The Saturday LARP is *The Feast at Wudu-Faesten*, a Vampire - The Dark Ages (White Wolf) game. Registration is from 3-7 in Alcott, and the LARP will run from 7pm on in St. James, Alcott, and Back Bay.

## Come to the GoH Events!

Friday at 9:00 in room 953: A Taste of Montreal ... or as close as we can get it this side of the border! Join our Fan Guest of Honor, Eugene Heller, as he passes out a taste of our version of Montreal's famous smoked brisket.

Saturday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Imperial Ballroom: An Embassy from the Barony Brighthill. Please join us as Tristan Alexander holds court, discusses the SCA, his place in it, and the roles you are invited to play.

Saturday from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Imperial Ballroom: An Interview with Katherine Kurtz. Join us in the Imperial Ballroom for an informal chat with Katherine Kurtz, where she gives her views on life, the universe and everything.

## Deryni Ball Tonight at 9:00

The Deryni ball will begin at 9:00 tonight, not 8:00.

## Sci-Fi Channel on Hotel TV

At our request, the hotel has added the Sci-Fi channel to their cable lineup. Channel number information will be forthcoming. The Sci-Fi channel will be airing the Babylon 5 movie *The Legend of the Rangers: To Live and Die in Starlight* on Saturday 9-11pm and 11pm-1am, as well as Sunday 5-7 pm.

## Come to Meet the Pros!

Come enjoy food and drink in the Art Show tonight from 9 to 11 pm. Schmooze with the writers and artists, and get a good look at the art you'll be bidding on this weekend.

## Where Is Everything?

Everywhere!

Terrace Room is in the basement.

Spoken Word 1 is in room 564, on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.  
Spoken Word 2 is in room 565, on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

Children's Programming is in room 570, on ... you guessed it, the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

## Masquerade Deadline

Remember: the deadline for registering for the Masquerade is 3:00 pm on Saturday.

## Saturday's Ballroom Events

Do you like Gilbert and Sullivan? Then come to our production of Trial by Jury before the masquerade. Folks who come to the play will keep their seats for the masquerade, so don't miss it!

## Friday Anime Schedule

(Times approximate)

Noon: Irresponsible Captain Taylor

2:15: Magic Knight Rayearth

4:15: Trigun

6:30: Angel Sanctuary

7:45: Nadia

9:15: Black Heaven

## Saturday Anime Schedule

12:30: DNA Squared

5:15: Urusei Yatsura

6:30: Jubei-chan

8:00: Hyper Dolls

9:00: Rose of Versailles

11:00: Giant Robo

12:30: Love Hina

2:45: Here's Greenwood

6:15: Nausicaa

8:15: Star Blazers

10:15: A Chinese Ghost Story

## Sunday Anime Schedule

12:30: Battle Angel

2:00: Peacock King

5:15: Burn Up W

7:45: Saiyuki

10:00: Wind Named Amnesia

11:45: Force Five

2:00: Ushio & Tora

2:30: Only Yesterday

4:00: Anime room closes

## Buy a T-Shirt

Out of clean clothes? Come to the Arisia Sales table on the mezzanine and pick up something to wear. Hours are Friday 2-9, Saturday 10-7, and Sunday 9:30-4:30.

## Registration Numbers

1216 people are pre-registered for the convention.

## Sunday Sundae

The Sunday Sundae Ice Cream Social will run from 1-3PM in the Terrace Room. Come and enjoy all the ice cream you can eat! Tickets are only \$2 each and will be available at the Arisia Sales Table on the mezzanine. Any tickets remaining will be sold at the door.

## Program Updates

Cancel: Historical dance workshop (noon Saturday)

Cancel: Serotonin and Her Friends (3:00 Saturday)

Add: Lynn Cullan storytelling, (3:00 Saturday in Spoken Word 1)

## Participant Updates

Neither Eric Van nor Terry McGarry will be here.

However, Delia Sherman and Ellen Kushner *will* be here. Watch this space to find out where.

## SUBMIT!

Have a funny story, an illustration, a restaurant review, or something else you'd like everyone to see? Drop it off in the newsletter submission box at the information desk.

## Don't Be Fooled

The elevator labeled "express" is in fact just a normal elevator, so feel free to get on no matter where you're going.

## Review: Le Gamin

Le Gamin, 550 Tremont St., 617-654-8969. Open Mon.-Fri. at 9 a.m., Sat.-Sun. at 8 a.m. Crepes are the specialty at this South End cafe. Croissants and other pastries are also available to pair with bowls of cafe au lait or chocolat chaud (hot chocolate).

## Review: Marche Mövenpick

Yikes! If Epcot Center were reincarnated as a restaurant, it might resemble this giant outpost of Swiss megachain Movenpick. You move among themed food stations with a cafeteria tray, then pick a themed room to eat in. This is more about entertainment (and waiting) than great cooking, so go for the simple things -- fresh oysters, fruit smoothies -- and the fun, hard-to-find dishes like Swiss sausage and rosti potatoes. Price range for entrées: \$5 - \$18.