



WesterMAL Daily Newsletter: Saturday, July 7, 2018

Highlights from Friday

- We hope you have been enjoying the Q&A sessions with our Guests of Honor in main events!
- Green Screen Adventures is now on site! Stop by and get your picture taken in front of a green screen and choose your favorite background image to appear before in the final image. Special backgrounds are available for several of our guests of honors. They will be back Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Pictures are free, but donations to the Make-A-Wish foundation are welcome.
- **Science Track Location Change!** Reminder that due to the popularity of the science track, we have swapped several panels from Stargazer across the hall to Helm's Deep and vice versa. You can see the updated schedule on the room signs, at the Info Desk, and at our online schedule: <https://www.malcondenver.org/schedule/>. (Thank you for all of the positive feedback on this change!)
- **Member Feedback:** Thank you so much to the member who said "Activities for kids were awesome, especially the Instrument Petting Zoo!" We love hearing your feedback!

Saturday Highlights

- There are three more kaffeeklatsches scheduled for today, starting at 9 am in Thunderpass. Sign up at the Info Desk, and don't forget to bring your own beverage.
- Artist Guest of Honor Jeff Sturgeon will host a tour of the art show at 10 AM. You can Sign-up ahead of time at the Info Desk!
- The Westercon Business Meeting is scheduled from 11 to 11:50 am in Serenity. There are currently four items of new business, plus the Site Selection Results for where Westercon 73 in 2020 will be! All attendees are welcome to attend and participate.
- The 12th floor will host Splendid Teapot Racing at noon, and other great panels all day. Stop by!
- Hal C F Astell will present more material from his Apocalypse Later Roadshow: "I'm proud to present the Apocalypse Later Roadshow #31, which marks my third Westercon. I've curated three 90m sets for Westercon 71, each of which contains different award-winning international sf/f short films. Most are still doing the film festival circuit so can't be seen anywhere else, while some cannot be seen outside the Apocalypse Later Roadshow. Films come from across the world: not just here in the US, but the UK, Australia, France, Ireland, Russia, Norway, Luxembourg, Japan, Belgium and even the United Arab Emirates. Highlights not available elsewhere include 'Real Artists', based on a story by Hugo Award winner Cixin Liu and starring Tamlyn Tomita (in one of two appearances this weekend); 'Corset', a steampunk short from Russia with fantastic costumes; and 'Breaker', a Japanese film which is the closest I've ever seen to true cyberpunk on



the big screen. There are also two films which won awards at last year's Apocalypse Later International Fantastic Film Festival: 'Fugazi', which my jury recognised as Best Sci-Fi Short, and 'The Ningyo', to which I awarded my personal Festival Director's Award. Info sheets detailing everything I'm screening are available from the convention freebie table or at each of my sets." Today's session starts at noon, and tomorrow's is at 10 AM.

- The Masquerade/Costume Contest is at 3 PM today! Sign up ahead of time at the Info Desk to participate.
- Tonight's Literary Beers once again start at 7 PM in the Private Dining Room of the hotel restaurant. You can find it by walking from the elevators toward the restaurant and take your first right – it's the glass room! Remember to stop by the bar to purchase your beverage if you want one. Sign-up sheets are also at the Info Desk.
- COSine 2019 is hosting a gathering in suite 831 tonight. Head on up and find out more about COSine and Colorado Springs!
- Worldcon 76 will hold another gathering tonight: **Gaaaames in Spaaaaace!** Andrew Trembley and his husband Kevin invite you to join them in their parlor for a rollicking round of inane, silly and uproarious word- and art-play courtesy of Jackbox interactive games. *Murder Trivia Party! Fibbage! Quiplash!* (and whichever other JB games we choose to throw up on the screen!) You will need a mobile smart device (smart phone or tablet) to join in the interactive gaming sessions. (Help us eat and drink the leftovers!) Saturday Evening, Room 731, 9(ish) until we're done.

Other Highlights

- Weather permitting, Dungeons & Donuts Jr. will once again join us just outside the main entrance to the hotel. Open today 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 9 am to 3 pm.
- Make sure to take in the sights of the 12th floor through the day today, from 9 AM to 10 PM, and Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM. You can drop by anytime! Relax in each of the two parlors put together by local steampunk groups Airship Iron Opal and the Denver Victorian & Steampunk Society, and even get a reading from our resident spiritual advisor Andarta!
- If you have a web-enabled device, you can download our mobile application at <http://www.malcondenver.org/konopas/2018MALCon/>
- Do you have leather boots or costume pieces? Visit our resident bootblack in the Atrium – as both the 2017 Colorado bootblack and the 2nd runner up International Mister Bootblack, he knows how to properly take care of your gear!

Want to submit something for the newsletter?

Please email it to newsletter@westercon71.org, or drop it off at the Info Desk!