

Join us for a weekend of maniacal, musical fun and experiments!

- Schmooze with our certifiable guests!
- Quaff fine potions teas & nosh on kooky cookies at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party!
- Stimulate your mind with our electrifying concerts!
- Learn things "man was not meant to know" in our workshops!
- Show off your euphonious genius in our song writing contests!
- Bid on the wench items at the Interfilk Auction!
- Elaborate on grandiose subjects at the Theme Filks!



*Let your inner
MAD
SCIENTIST
out to play
looney tunes
at*

**OHIO VALLEY
FILK FEST 26
October 22-24, 2010**

**NEW LOCATION!
DOUBLETREE
HOTEL**

175 Hutchinson Avenue
Worthington, OH 43235
(800)- 870-0349
(614) 885-3334



Ohio Valley Filk Fest
3824 Patricia Dr.
Columbus, OH 43220-4913



Address Service Requested

MEMBERSHIPS

Adult memberships are \$40 until 08-Oct-2010 and \$50 at the door. Children's memberships (ages 12 and under) are \$10 until 08-Oct-2010 and \$25 at the door. Toddlers-in-tow are admitted free. "In-tow" means the child is with an adult responsible for them at ALL TIMES. Our dealers' room is sold out. To be wait-listed, please call Larry Smith at 614-442-1010. Tickets to the Pegasus Awards Banquet are \$28 until 08-Oct-2010, \$35 at the door. There is no children's banquet rate; however, children who are convention members are welcome to attend the free Kids' Pizza Party.

I would like:

- _____ Adult memberships at \$40
_____ Child memberships at \$10
_____ Pegasus Awards Banquet Tickets at \$28
_____ Total \$ enclosed

Name _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

Phone _____

Name as you want it to appear on your badge:

For more than one membership, list all names, badge names, and addresses on a separate sheet.

Volunteering

- I am interested in gophering at OVFF.
 I am interested in being on OVFF concomm.

Contact Information

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Final Ballot for the 2010 Pegasus Awards For Excellence in Filking

You may submit only one Final Ballot. Select one artist or song per category. You do not need to be a member of the OVFF convention to vote. In fact, we strongly encourage you to copy & distribute this ballot as widely as possible within the filk community.

Completed ballots should be mailed to OVFF, 3824 Patricia Drive, Columbus OH, 43220; or you may email them to OVFF@ovff.org; or vote on our website: www.ovff.org; or submit them in person at the convention. Ballots not submitted in person at the convention must be received by midnight Pacific Time on Monday, October 18, 2010.

BEST FILK SONG

- _____ *Gabriel Gray's Song*
by Batya Wittenberg
_____ *Here Be Cartographers*
by Ben Newman
_____ *Small Designs*
by Barry Childs-Helton
_____ *Take It Back*
by Kathleen Sloan
_____ *A Thousand Ships*
by Katy Dröge-Macdonald/
Ju Honisch

BEST CLASSIC FILK SONG

- _____ *Dragon For Sale*
by Ben Newman
_____ *Fire In The Sky*
by Jordin Kare
_____ *I Am Stardust*
by Lloyd Landa
_____ *Ship Of Stone*
by Don Simpson
_____ *Will Ye Come Back Home?*
by Mike Richards

BEST PERFORMER

- _____ Play It With Moxie
_____ Playing Rapunzel
_____ S. J. Tucker
_____ Sassafrass
_____ Toyboat

BEST WRITER/COMPOSER

- _____ Barry Childs-Helton
_____ Heather Dale
_____ W. Randy Hoffman
_____ S. J. Tucker
_____ Batya Wittenberg

BEST MAGIC SONG

- _____ *Die Puppen (The Dolls)*
by Eva Van Daele-Hunt
_____ *Like Their Feet Have Wings*
by Gwen Knighton
_____ *Magnus Retail*
by Mary Crowell
_____ *Pharmakoia*
by W. Randy Hoffman
_____ *Where The Magic Is Real*
by Paul Kwinn

BEST MAD SCIENCE SONG

- _____ *Dawn of the Day Before the Time
of the Land the Lost Dinosaurs
Forgot to Remember*
by Rand Bellavia /
Adam English
_____ *Evil Overlords Anonymous*
by Jessica Stevenson &
Alasdair Prett
_____ *Mad Science Café*
by Brooke Lunderville
_____ *Mad Scientist's Love Song*
by Gary McGath
_____ *What A Woman's For*
by Seanan McGuire



More information about our Nominees, including lyrics & mp3 samples, is available on our website: www.ovff.org

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Pr _____ Zip _____

Ballots without full name and address are invalid and will be discarded. OVFF will not sell or release your address under any circumstances. We only require it in case we have questions regarding your submission.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Three days chock full of filk: open filk circles of all flavors, concerts and one-shots, workshops, the Pegasus Nominees Concert, theme filks, two songwriting contests, a rocking farewell jam session, and - did we mention? - even more open filking! Come early for the Fetal Puppy Filk Thursday night and stay up late, really late, Sunday night for the Dead Dog Filk.

Music, music, music! What more do you need? Ok, so a little food and drink would be nice; we give you that too! Sip your favorite brew & nibble experimental treats at the Mad Hatter's Tea & Mad Scientist's Lab Party Friday early evening. Saturday, dine and applaud for the year's best filk at the Pegasus Awards Buffet Banquet. Be among the few, (OK, the not so few). the hardy, the half-crazed & sleep-deprived who make up the Dead Dog Dinner caravan Sunday night. And throughout the weekend there is the smorgasbord that is our fabulous consuite.

Some sleep, you say? Well, you're on your own there.

CONCERTS

After the Mad Scientists Lab Party opens the con early Friday evening, we will mesmerize your senses with our famed Pegasus Nominees Concert! One last chance to hear all the nominees before voting closes for the Pegasus Awards. Saturday, we start off with our cracked toasts TJ & Mitchell Burnside-Clapp, followed by a curiously odd medley chosen by our Honored Listener Kathleen Sloan, then the eccentric Randy Hoffman, our bonny Interfilk guests Bedlam Bards, and finish up with those unbalanced masters of harmony, our Guests of Honor Urban Tapestry! Sunday, the crazed Chamberfilk ensemble will perform, then we will introduce you to one of our newer voices in filk the pott-y (as in Harry) Witherwings, and a special kids concert by the educative Tim Griffin will close out kids programming.

WORKSHOPS

Our menu of ~~experiments~~ workshops this year includes Percussion, Melody Improvisation, Melody Accompaniment with a Non-Guitar,, Self-Hypnotism, Promoting Your Music, Morning Yoga, Gaining Confidence Performing, Lyric Writing, Understanding Melodic Structure, Lead & Follow: An Intro to Jamming, Beading, Stargazing, and Chamberfilk. (For more info on Chamberfilk, please email Phil Textor at: textorpmt@yahoo.com)

KIDS PROGRAMMING

OVFF is proud of the quality and extensiveness of our children's programming. We are planning the usual array of fun activities for all of OVFF's kids in 2010 including the Dormouse Tea Party, Movie Nights, two pool parties, craft projects galore, the Saturday Pirate Carnival & Treasure Hunt, a pizza dinner party, and RPG games for teens.

SONG WRITING CONTESTS

They're fun, challenging, and the results can be spectacular! Our first contest is the traditional "write a song on a topic linked to the con theme" which this year is: "*It's Not Rocket Science.*" Entries should be new material of limited distribution written between October 2009 and October 2010 with original lyrics set to either original or pre-existing music. Our second contest is for all you Iron Filkers out there. We challenge you to write a song at the con itself on a topic not announced until the con opens.

In both contests, the songs are to be performed before an audience and a panel of judges but are judged on the writing quality, not the strength of the performance. If the songwriter is not a performer, the entry may be performed by a friend.

PEGASUS AWARDS

The Pegasus Awards were created to promote excellence in filking, to recognize emerging and established talent, and to encourage growth within our community. The awards are presented Saturday night at the Pegasus Awards Banquet Buffet. To nominate or vote for the awards, please see the separate ballot or visit our website at www.ovff.org. The website also includes short bios, mp3 & lyric samples of the current nominees, and a complete history of award winners and nominees.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Would you like a discount on your OVFF membership? Every hour of work will get you \$5 off of your membership. You can choose to have a refund check mailed to you after the con, or apply it immediately towards an advance registration for next year. We particularly need folks to help out in the Con Suite and in Children's Programming, and to help pack up the con early Sunday evening. Email volunteers@ovff.org if you are interested.

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HOTEL

Please note we are moving to a (drum roll)
NEW LOCATION! Our new home is :

Doubletree Hotel

175 Hutchison Ave,
Columbus, OH 43235-1413
toll-free phone number : 800-870-0349
Local phone number: 614-885-3334

The room rate is \$96 per night for 1-4 people and includes 2 coupons for the hotel's breakfast buffet per night. Parking is free..

RESERVATIONS

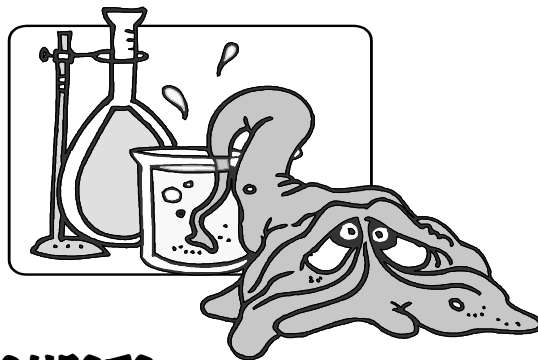
If you make your reservation online via the hotel's website, use the abbreviation "OVFF" in order to get the special con rate. If, on the other hand, you make your reservation over the phone, it's better to spell our name out as "Ohio Valley Filk Fest"; don't abbreviate it.

If you experience any problems making a reservation, drop us a line at: hotel@ovff.org

Our room block expires 30-Sept-2010, so please make your reservation before then if at all possible. If you make your reservation after that date, you will need to call the local phone number 614-885-3334 during regular business hours in order to get the con rate.

DIRECTIONS

The Doubletree Hotel is located on the north side of Columbus in the suburb of Worthington, just north of the intersection of I-270 and Rt-23 (High St.). From I-270, take exit #23 (US Rte 23) heading north towards Delaware. At the first traffic light, turn right onto East Campus View Blvd. Turn right at the next light onto High Cross Blvd. When High Cross ends you will be facing the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington.



OUR GUESTS

What is a filk convention without guests? Probably a lot of fun, really, but it is better to have guests, and we have a very good set of them this year. The concentration of talent and personality in these eight honored guests is almost scary; which is appropriate for a convention held close to Halloween.

GUESTS OF HONOR Urban Tapestry

Founded in 1993, **Urban Tapestry** is a Toronto filk group consisting of Allison Durno, Jodi Krangle and Debbie Ridpath Ohi. They've performed concerts in England, Germany, the U.S. and Canada, and have won two Best Performer Pegasus Awards, Best Song Pegasus, Best Food/Drink Song Pegasus, and an Aurora Fan Achievement Award. More info can be found at: urbantapestry.org

TOASTMASTERS Mitchell & T.J. Burnside Clapp

Mitchell & T.J. Burnside Clapp met at OVFF in 1987 shortly before the first and only live reading of Tom Smith's "The Rocky Horror Muppet Show," and have the entire recording of their first room filk together on tape. Since then, they have spawned three children, all of them musical, written a few more songs, and mastered toast. It's a difficult skill; don't scoff.

HONORED LISTENER Kathleen Sloan

Yeah, yeah, yeah, we know that **Kathleen Sloan** is a performer. We know she's even written a few songs. But OVFF has been around since 1984, and Kathleen's been around filk even longer. She started listening in 1976, and only started performing in 1989. And where do you think she did most of that listening? That's right - right here in central Ohio! She is pleased to be the Listener Guest of Honor for the convention at which she has had years of (premium!) quality listening.

INTERFILK GUESTS The Bedlam Bards

Hawke and Cedric, the **Bedlam Bards**, are famous for playing foot-stomping, heart-pounding music about outlaws, pirates, sailing ships, space ships, space pirates, misadventures, and strong drink at renaissance festivals, scifi conventions, and shindigs across the country.

They have several albums out, including *Take Out the Trash*, a collection of bawdy ditties, and *Furious Fancies*, an exploration of more serious music. The Bedlam Bards gained instant fame in fandom when they released their third album, entitled *On the Drift: Music Inspired by Firefly and Serenity*.. Their most recent album, *Barnyard Bedlam: A Cock and Bull Story*, was recorded live at the Oklahoma Renaissance Festival. More info can be found at: bedlambarbs.com

