



MarsCon 2003:

No One Here Is Exactly What He Appears

Science Fiction ☆ Fantasy ☆ Gaming
costumes ☆ Parties ☆ Prizes ☆ Art
Music ☆ Family-Friendly ☆ Convention

February 28 - March 2, 2003

Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, Minnesota

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WHAT: Celebrating its 5th Anniversary, MarsCon 2003 will take place at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington, Minnesota. MarsCon is a convention for all ages where fans of science fiction and fantasy meet, mingle and enjoy numerous activities throughout the weekend, including gaming, parties, costume contests, concerts, and bidding on impressive works of sf/fantasy artwork. MarsCon is sponsored by FenSF, Inc. [the Fans Educational Network for Science Fiction], a nonprofit organization devoted to teaching individuals how to promote and run amateur sf and gaming conventions.

MarsCon 2003 will host guests from the worlds of *BABYLON 5*, *STAR TREK*, and *STAR WARS* as well as many other guests of distinction.

- Actress **Julie Caitlin Brown** plans to speak about her performances in such shows as *Babylon 5* and *Star Trek*, as well as sing us a few melodies.
- Actor/Coach & Acting Instructor **Lev Mailer** will discuss behind the scenes stories from the set of the original *Star Trek*, experiences working with neophyte aspiring actors, and tips on how to improve your acting abilities and break into show business.
- Authors **Sharon Lee & Steve Miller** will be sharing passages from their novels as well as joining in discussions on subjects as varied as writing telepathic and empathic abilities in fiction, reviewing genre fiction honestly, and collecting cat whiskers.
- Artist **John Garner** plans to talk about the Hubble space telescope's impact on space artists and will be displaying original artwork in the MarsCon Art Show.
- Makeup Artist **David Mendez** will do a live demonstration of how to apply special effects character makeup.

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In addition to these fine guests, there will be programming featuring the musical groups **The Nick Atoms** and **Tri-Destiny**, as well as authors **Eleanor Arnason, Theodore Beale, Bruce Bethke, Paula L. Fleming, P.M.F. Johnson, Peg Kerr, Naomi Kritzer, Harry LeBlanc, Kelly McCullough, TW Miller, Lyda Morehouse, Sandra Rector, Joel Rosenberg, Joan Marie Verba**, and hypnotists **Paul Knight & Craig Lang**. Many other fun events are planned for MarsCon, and they will include:

- 24-hour Gaming Suite featuring top-notch games, demos, and tournaments (i.e., Buffy the Vampire Slayer and a Dragon Ball Z collectible card game tournaments)
- Costume Contests, Dances, Concerts, Plays, and Drum Jams
- A Charity Auction for the Camp Heartland Project, and a canned food drive
- An Art Show and Auction, a Science Room, and a Film/Video/Anime Room
- Many panel discussions on all facets of Science Fiction & Fantasy: books, movies, TV, costuming, UFOs, space exploration/hard sciences, and fan whimsy
- A Dealers Room selling terrific books, jewelry, toys, costumes, and lots more
- Parties with Science Fiction & Fantasy-related themes, and a Con Suite fully-stocked with soda and assorted munchies
- Opportunities for Science Fiction & Fantasy fans to connect, build the fan community, volunteer and contribute to fan-run conventions, and learn more about SF & Fantasy

WHEN: Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 2, 2003.

Programming starts at 4:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28. Members of the press are invited to visit MarsCon; they should check in at Ops (2nd floor) to receive a Press Pass.

WHERE: Holiday Inn Select, I-494 & 34th Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota

TICKETS: Weekend passes are \$40 for adults, \$15 for children until January 31. At-the-door: Adults \$50, Children \$25. Day passes available at the convention: \$20 Fri/Sun-only; or \$25 Sat-only.

Tickets may be purchased on-line via our web site (www.marscon.org), in person when you arrive at the convention, or by mail using the registration forms available on the web or at Twin Cities area comic stores, or mailing us your name, address, phone number (important!), number of tickets and type (adult or child) and a check (U.S. funds) to "MarsCon."

Mail registration forms to: MarsCon
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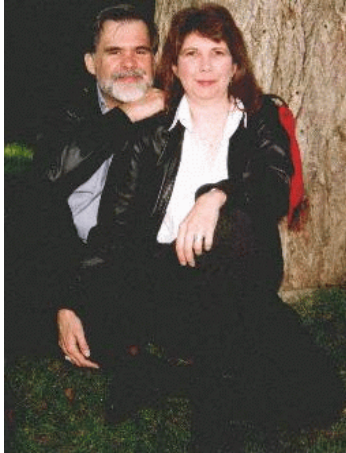
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Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

MarsCon 2003 Author Guests of Honor



A Brief History

For more than a dozen years Sharon Lee and Steve Miller have been bringing readers great science fiction novels and short stories set in the Liaden Universe ®, where honor and loyalty are part of a code of life, and great forces are at work to undermine that code. Sharon and Steve live in the rolling hills of central Maine. Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, they met several times before taking the hint and formalizing the team in 1979. They removed to Maine with cats, books, music, and computers following the completion of CARPE DIEM, their third Liaden Universe ® novel, in the late 1980s.

Before moving to Maine, Steve and Sharon had been active in the Baltimore science fiction community for years as fans, short story writers, editors, bookstore owners and art agents. Both have seen their non-fiction work and reviews published in a variety of newspapers and magazines. A graduate of Clarion West (class of '73), Steve was the founding Curator of the University of Maryland's Kuhn Library Science Fiction Research Collection, Director of Information for the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, and a former newspaper editor. In 1997, Sharon became the first full-time executive director for the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, later serving as Vice President, and now President of the organization.

Since moving to Maine, Sharon and Steve have continued to write in the Liaden Universe ®, and seven of the novels are now in print, with three additional Liaden novels coming the next three years. Their short fiction, written both jointly and singly, has appeared in *Absolute Magnitude*, *Catfantastic*, *Such a Pretty Face*, *Dreams of Decadence*, *Fantasy Book*, and several former incarnations of *Amazing*. They have also published several chapbooks, the latest of which is "The Cat's Job."

Sharon's interests include music, pine cone collecting, and seashores. Steve also enjoys music, plays chess and collects cat whiskers.

Partial List of Novels:

PARTNERS IN NECESSITY (Meisha Merlin/February 2000)

PLAN B (Meisha Merlin/February 1999)

PILOTS CHOICE (Meisha Merlin/February 2001)

RIDING THE LUCK (Embiid/July 2001)

I DARE (Meisha Merlin/February 2002)

BALANCE OF TRADE (Meisha Merlin/coming February 2003)

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John Garner

MarsCon 2003 Artist Guest of Honor



A Brief History

John has been drawing and painting all his life. He has won numerous awards and has been published in TSR's *Dungeon Adventures* magazine, *Starslayer* gaming module, and most recently the cover to Cloud Kingdom Games' "Fall of Castle Bondi."

John and Denise Garner were married at MarsCon 2000 where Denise was the artist guest of honor. A science and astronomy buff, John enjoys a good conversation on quantum mechanics or relativity as much as one on Star Trek or art. He also enjoys lavish and abundant chocolate and continues to seek the holy grail of the most decadent dessert in the universe.

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Julie Caitlin Brown

MarsCon 2003 Actor Guest of Honor

A Brief History

Julie Caitlin Brown, a native of San Francisco, California, began her musical career at the age of twelve. She worked as a singer-guitarist, competed in high school vocal jazz, fronted a number of bands, and performed blues and jazz in clubs all over Northern California. In 1983, Julie made her stage debut as “Mary Magdalene” in the Mondavi Concert Series production of “Jesus Christ Superstar.” Other musicals and stage plays followed, including the critically acclaimed, sold-out production of “A Late Snow” at Theatre Rhinoceros.



1988 found Julie in Florida where over the next two years, she appeared in over sixty commercials as well as the NBC movie “Roxanne-The Prize Pulitzer,” ABC’s “B.L. Stryker,” CBS’s “Wolf,” and the feature films “Miami Blues” with Alec Baldwin and “Chains of Gold” with John Travolta. In 1990, Julie appeared in “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” starring George Wendt, for the prestigious Williamstown Theatre Festival. That performance led to her audition for Tommy Tune’s Tony Award-winning “Grand Hotel” on Broadway, where she played the lead role of “Rafaella Ottanio” for seventeen months, opposite the legendary Cyd Charisse.

Julie returned to California in 1992, immediately landing a pilot for Stephen J. Cannell. She went on to guest star in shows such as Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Raven, Dream On, Star Trek: The Next Generation, and many others. It was a phone call from casting director Mary Jo Slater which led to her being offered the role of Na'Toth, intense attache to Narn Ambassador G'Kar, on Babylon 5.

Since her appearances on Babylon 5, Julie has guest starred on several television series and movies, performed in the rock opera “Bare,” and given concerts featuring her original style of music. She produced two musical CDs, just finished a book, and several of her own screenplays and television projects are currently in development.

Partial List of Film & TV Credits:

JAG (2000)

Sliders (1999)

Babylon 5 (1994-1997)

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1993)

Raven (1992)

Beverly Hills 90210 (1990)

Star Trek: The Next Generation (1987)

Other Works:

“Sheddin’ My Skin” (Music CD/1998)

“Struck By Lightning” (Music CD/2000)

LOVE FIRST (Book/2002)

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Lev Mailer

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A Brief History

For over 30 years Lev Mailer has been a veteran actor and director, coach and teacher in Hollywood both in film and television on and off camera beginning with the original Star Trek series. During that period he worked on stage productions both in Los Angeles and New York as an actor and director.

He has been associated with producers and directors: Clint Eastwood, Robert Wise, Sydney Pollach, Alex Rose, James Goldstone, Tom Schulman, Bill Shatner, and Leonard Nimoy as well as numerous casting directors and agents.

As National Chair of the Screen Actors' Guild Conservatory he has participated in seminars with many other producers, directors, casting directors and agents. His own teachers include Sanford Meisner, Lee Strasberg, Harold Clurman and Martha Graham.

He was on the faculty of the American Film Institute as well as five other leading Los Angeles area colleges.

Of his private teaching, the definitive *Film Actor's Complete Career Guide* listed him among the best "in the teaching of acting techniques for beginning/intermediate and professional actors." He was honored to be on the same list as his own teacher Sanford Meisner.

Partial List of Film/TV Credits:

Daniel Boone (1964)

Star Trek (1966)

Mannix (1967)

Jigsaw (1968)

The Star Wars Holiday Special (1978)

Kate Loves a Mystery (1979)

The Greatest American Hero (1981)

Firefox (1982)

A Price Above Rubies (1998)

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David Mendez

MarsCon 2003 Fan Guest of Honor

A Brief History

David Mendez is a local make up effects artist. Listing Tom Savini, Dick Smith and KISS among his inspirations, Dave has been working with Costumes For Your Eyes applying make up to their models and for their local Fright House. He is currently working on a local independent horror movie, in pre-production.

A former member of Vessel Celtic Rock, Dave can also be found working at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. He enjoys collecting swords, toys and any make up tips he can get. Dave makes his home in Mounds View with his wife Sue and three cats.



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