

**MarsCon 2014** ★ **Time Is The Key!**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Bloomington-Minneapolis South  
7800 Normandale Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55439**

**Guests of Honor**

Media  
**Michael Cerveris**

Costuming  
**Rae Lundquist**

Author  
**Esther Friesner**

Fan Group  
**IKV RakeHell**

Artist  
**Mickie Erickson**

Prop Masters  
**Dave Duca &  
Michael Glielmi**

Science  
**Bridget Landry**

**March 7-9, 2014**



**MARSCON 2013**  
**A TIME FOR ENCHANTMENT**  
**MASQUERADE BALL**

**SAT. NOVEMBER 9TH**

**6PM - MEET AND GREET;  
COCKTAILS IN THE BAR**

**7-MIDNIGHT  
DANCE  
AND  
COSTUME  
CONTEST**

**ADMISSION: \$10**

**HILTON MINNEAPOLIS/  
ST. PAUL MALL OF AMERICA  
3800 AMERICAN BLVD E,  
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA  
55425**

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**VISIT [WWW.MARSCON.ORG](http://WWW.MARSCON.ORG) FOR DETAILS**

# MarsCon CHARITY

has been hosting auctions and food/clothing drives since we began, and it's time to decide which charity to choose for 2014. Here's how you can help:

Time To Vote For Your Favorite Charity!

**Nominate a charity** Send us an email, call somebody on ConCom, or post a facebook message with your choice of designated charity for MarsCon 2014. Tell us a little bit about the charity and provide a web link if there is one.

**Vote for a charity** We vote on charities at the October planning meeting, and all ConCom meetings are open to the public. Anyone who attends may vote or make a last minute pitch for his/her favorite charity.

**Make a donation** Surely you have a book, toy, service or other treasure that another fan would appreciate. Drop it off at a planning meeting or at the convention prior to the charity auction.

Did you make an Independent film? and would like to screen it at Marscon 2014? Here is how to do it.

## FILM ROOM

### Rules:

Indie Film makers, Lend us your eyeballs!

- Submissions are now open till Dec 31 2013. So get your entries in now!
- There is no entry fee for any submission
- All entries must be original works created by the filmmaker
- Film must be live action or animated
- Entries submitted must be in one or more of the following genres: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, Action/Adventure or Supernatural. Comedies set within any of these genres will also be accepted.
- A copy of film on disc, playable DVD (NTSC, Standard Definition, Region 0 or 1). No other formats.
- All Entries must come with a plot synopsis of the film, rating and running time.
- The Filmmaker grants the following non-exclusive, irrevocable licenses to show their film if pick during Marscon
  - The Film entries also come with limited publishing for promotional purposes of the name of the filmmaker and plot synopsis.
- Entries submitted are NOT guaranteed to be screened. Screened entries will be chosen at the discretion of the A/V head and co-heads
- All DVDs submitted will become the property of the A/V room at Marscon and will not be returned
- Filmmaker will hold harmless the Marscon A/V room, its assigns, partners, subsidiaries and its sponsors and Marscon its assigns, partners, subsidiaries and its sponsors from any liability resulting from any screening of the Entry.

The Future Lies This Way...

**Volunteer** You can help with setting up the charity auction. We will need runners and tabulators during the auction. Volunteers may also be needed to keep track of party nominations and update a giving chart. After the convention, we may also need drivers to transport food/clothing drive donations.

**Show up and bid** We have auctioned off some pretty fantastic things in past years, including autographed pictures & programs, hand-crafted jewelry and even Dr. Demento's top hat. There are always books, comics, t-shirts and other collectibles from which to choose. Those who participate in the auction get some incredible deals, and it's all for a great cause.

## HOTEL

Old spaces are new again as we move back to our hotel of origin for 2014—the freshly re-named DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington-Minneapolis South, located at 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, Minnesota. As always, we invite and encourage you to enjoy the convention all weekend long by getting a room!

The room rates are \$95 plus tax for a regular room and \$125 plus tax for poolside cabanas. Hotel charges an extra \$10 for triple occupancy or an extra \$20 for quadruple occupancy, so keep this in mind when making your reservations.

The easiest way to book your room is the DoubleTree MarsCon 2014 room reservation page (linked on our web site), or you can call 1-952-835-7800.

Taking a room at the hotel is a wonderful way to enhance your convention experience. It gives you a home base, a place to park the wonderful merchandise you've just purchased in the Dealers' Room, a place to entertain friends, to store your musical instruments or gorgeous artwork from the Art Show, and to crash whenever you finish with partying throughout the convention weekend... not to mention it makes the host hotel very happy with MarsCon.

GET MORE INFO ABOUT THIS AT [marsconav@gmail.com](mailto:marsconav@gmail.com)

# Programming

will have some new, exciting space in which to play for 2014. Please share in the fun by posting your ideas for programming on the Programming Ideas Page on the MarsCon website—talks you'd like to hear or give, presenters/performers you would recommend, subjects or activities of interest to you and other fans...



If you've submitted ideas in years past you already know the plan: read the ideas list... if you see a program event you want to help with drop us an email at info14d@marscon.org. If you have an idea for an event that isn't yet listed, tell us about it.

**Let's do the Time Warp Agaaaainnnnn**

As always, MarsCon depends on our attendees for much of our programming. We are immensely grateful for the incredible programming we receive each year from artists, authors, guests, musicians, singers, actors, fan groups, clubs and individuals. Thanks in advance for all of your wonderful suggestions.

Speaking of, here's a few.

**Privacy vs. Security?** Is the NSA doing too much and invading your privacy? What about Google, Amazon.com, or the People's Republic of China. And given that there are like three filters before any human in the NSA looks at email content. is it really a problem or just media sensationalism. Also, in this day and age, does it make sense to distinguish between domestic and international intelligence, or is that just a handicap that could get someone blown up?

**Making POD Work for the Independent Bookseller** What's the problem and what can be done to fix it? How can authors help.

**Verse adverse? Embedded Song/Poetry Experiments** Can it work to put poetry or song lyrics in a textual tome? Should

Heinlein have offered an appendix with a standard version for "The Green Hills of Earth." Does sticking your poem or song in lead to a greater reader experience? Or just an embarrassment?

**The Critters of CONTACT** For over a quarter of a century, CONTACT: Cultures

of the Imagination has been building worlds and populating them with aliens at their annual conference. What are some of the wildest aliens? What are some of the most plausible? How does their process inform the science fiction writer?



# Room Parties

Now is your chance to travel back in time thirteen years to 2001, the last time MarsCon held room parties in poolside cabanas. We are eager to hear from everyone who has hosted a room party at MarsCon in the past, and we are hoping to add many new parties to fill up the available space.

As an new incentive this year, party hosts are eligible for a \$5.00 per membership discount when registering together in groups of five or more. This discount may only be applied to full weekend memberships and is subject to verification by the host hotel.

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The DoubleTree has a MarsCon Room Reservation page (linked on the web site) where you can book your party room. (Or you may call 1-952-835-7800 and book your room by phone.)

Then submit the Party Room Request form on the MarsCon web site (or contact us) so we can add your party to the list. We'll then work with the hotel to assign the proper party room to the proper group.

Confirmed parties so far: Space Oddity Music Club & Brew Pub, CON DROIDS : / This Is Geek, USS Nokomis: STAR TREK / FEDERATION REC ROOM & MIRROR UNIVERSE TREK BAR, D-Notice, Tarzan's Karaoke and Desserts!, BadFairy Lounge, Bag End and, of course, IKV RakeHell

Many thanks to all of you hosting parties at MarsCon!

**I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then.**



Here at Marscon Labs we

# MarsCon Minions

have been researching the difference between volunteers and Minions. Minions have been a recent development in the volunteer program's spectrum. We have been doing genetic modeling of volunteers for years. As minions first started to appear on our radar we started to do genetic modeling on them as well for a comparison study. We found that minions have more ownership and more pride in what they do.

We have had some trouble with our genetic replicator so please stay away from the yellow oozing goo of our failed experiments. The best we have been able to do so far is to turn volunteers into minions. We have also been able to turn minions into department heads.

Marscon is looking for volunteers to become Marscon Minions. A Marscon Minion gets swag. Our Minions have their own Minion hangout where they can chill, play, and graze. A several number hours served brings prizes, fame and fortune... well, not fortune—but we will love you for-EVAH!

\*ahem\* Register now to be a Marscon Minion.

We are one of countless possible futures for humanity

Time is more like a big ball of wibbly wobbly... Time-y wimey... STUFF.

# Guests of Honor

**Michael Cerveris** will be talking about Fringe, of course, and all his many award-winning acting endeavors.

**Esther Friesner** will be hosting a reading, joining in some fantastic discussions on SF/Fantasy literature as well as the art of combat shopping, and celebrating MarsCon's "Sweet Sixteen" with chocolate of course.

**Mickie Erickson** will be sharing pointers on the art of turning pens and embellishing them with a Steampunk twist.

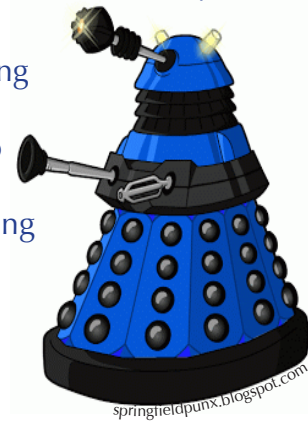
**Rae Lundquist** The DreamStitcher herself, plans to wow us with some of her costuming greats and tips of the trade.

**IKV RakeHell** IKV RakeHell members will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in Klingon style by dominating MarsCon with costumes, chaos and a party you've only ever dreamed about.

**Dave Duca & Michael Glielmi** will be sharing their amazing Daleks with the MarsCon crowd, so this is your chance for some quality one-on-one time with a Dalek.

**Bridget Landry** will be giving her ever-popular multimedia JPL/NASA robot explorers in the outer edges of our solar system, as well as bedazzling us with her many costumes.

We are in the process of adding a musical guest, so please keep your eye on the web site for future Guest of Honor & Programming announcements.



# Dates of Note

Time is the key to a successful MarsCon. Our planning meetings, a.k.a. ConCom meetings, take place through the year. You needn't be a member of the committee to attend; we welcome visitors, representatives of other groups and the mildly curious. We promise to not press-gang you—*unless* you express an interest in volunteering.

In that case you are *so* ours.

ConCom meetings usually start at 1:00 pm. Please check back here for meeting locations; the meetings may or may not be at the DoubleTree.

There are many fine cons in Minnesota throughout the year. We encourage you to sample and enjoy... you know where you'll be next March.

## 2013

**October 18-20:** Arcana and Valleycon

**October 13:**

MarsCon Planning Meeting **Charity Auction vote**

**November 9:** MarsCon Masquerade Ball, 6-11pm

**December 8:** MarsCon Planning Meeting **PR2 Articles Deadline**

## 2014

**January 19:** MarsCon Planning Meeting **Program Book Preliminary Deadline**

**January 31 - February 1:** SuperCon

**February 9:** MarsCon Planning Meeting

**February 14-16:** Con of the North

**February 23:** *The "What did we forget?" MarsCon Planning meeting*

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A fun, volunteer run, Family  
Oriented Science Fiction  
& Fantasy Convention



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**WHAT CAN YOU DO THERE?**

- Science Room
- Writing
- Propatorium
- Gaming
- Art Show
- Media
- Consuite
- Music
- Guests of Honor**
- ARTIST
- Anime
- Concerts
- Michael Cerveris**
- Mickie Erickson
- Snarky's
- Karaoke
- COSTUMING
- Rae Lundquist
- Fans
- Dementia
- AUTHOR
- Esther Friesner
- IKV RakeHell
- Science
- Prop Masters
- Dave Duca & Michael Glielmi
- Food Drive
- Masquerade
- Costuming
- Film Room
- Party Rooms
- Massage Room
- Dance Rave
- Volunteering
- Lunar Lounge
- Charity Auction
- Dealers Room

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**REGISTER NOW!**

**PRICES GO UP OCT 31 AT MIDNIGHT!**

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## REGISTRATION Rates

Cut off Dates:	2013 MarsCon	31 Oct 2013	31 Jan 2014	At The Door
Teen/Adult	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$65
Child (6-12)	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30
Supporting**	\$20	\$25	\$30	+\$25
Sponsor	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75

\*\* Supporting members pay a reduced rate through 31 Jan 2014 to hold tickets, then complete the purchase by paying an additional \$25 anytime up to and including at the door

**\$5 discount at all MarsCon represented events**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address(2): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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flyer from  
**PR1**

Please e-mail me:  Mars Today Updates  PDF Progress Reports

**I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! Please CONTACT Me!**

Send me information about  Dealer's Room  Art Show

Artist Alley  Gaming  Masquerade  Parties  Programming

Register online with  
Paypal or in mail this  
form with payment

**NO CASH PLEASE**

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