

# FENCION



## FRIDAY

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### Welcome to FenCon IV

Greetings to all the fen! This year we're celebrating our fourth "fantastic" year by bringing in great guests, new events, and new features.

You're here so you already know about the biggest change for 2007: our shiny **new hotel**. We have more room so we added more programming, expanded the dealers' room, and added more places just to hang out and meet your fellow fen.

A special shiny welcome to all of the **Browncoats** here for the 2007 Lone Star Shindig. Check out the "Browncoat Brief" in the convention guide for a quick look at all we've got planned.

And, of course, thanks to all of the fen that make this convention possible: the volunteers, the guests, and all of our members. We hope you enjoy the con.

### Program Schedule Updates

#### Friday

- 5pm – Rosemary Clement-Moore joins the Program One "Remembering Madeleine L'Engle" panel
- 5pm – Mel. White joins the "Tech Trends: Today's Technology and Tomorrow's Reality" in Program Two
- 9pm – Rie Sheridan will not be on the "Holding Out For Some *Heroes*" Panel in Program Two

#### Saturday

- 12pm – "Margaret Middleton in Concert" replaces "Mike Diggs in Concert" on Second Stage
- 2pm – Lauren Donaho will not be on the "Can't Take the Sky From Me" panel in Program Three

#### Sunday

- 10am – Randy Farran will not be on the "Con Men (and Women)" panel in Program Three
- 11am – Brad Sinor has been added to the readers in the Science Fiction Reading Room
- 12pm – "Mike Diggs in Concert" replaces "Margaret Middleton in Concert" on Second Stage
- 2pm – The Randy Farran Concert on Second Stage has been cancelled
- 3pm – A. Lee Martinez will be moderating "The Subplot Thickens" in Program One, not Connie Willis



### David Mattingly Charity Art Print

Each year, FenCon produces a **limited-edition print**, signed and numbered by our Artist Guest of Honor to aid a worthy charity. This year we thank **David Mattingly** for creating a stunning work of art to help raise money for the **North Texas Food Bank**.

Get yours for **just \$10 at the FenConvenience Store** table in the Dealers' Room. A very limited selection of prints from previous years is also available. Buy a complete matched-number set and we'll reserve that number for you at every future FenCon as long as you keep buying the prints.

## Programming Highlights

For you early birds, we offer intimate panels with Toastmaster **Steve Perry** (at 2pm) and Guest of Honor **Connie Willis** (at 3pm). At 5pm join us as we remember the late, great **Madeleine L'Engle** in Program One. Browncoats and casual fans alike should enjoy the **Jarrold Davis *Firefly* Panel** at 6pm in Program One and a screening of ***Done The Impossible*** at 7pm in the Video Room. Also at 7pm on the Main Stage is our **Opening Ceremonies**, sure to be a treat. That's followed at 8pm with the **Tom Smith Friday Night Concert**. Stop-motion animation fans will rejoice when they see *Ray Harryhausen Presents: **The Pit and the Pendulum*** at 10pm in the Video Room.

This is only a small sample of what we have planned for Friday. Check the Convention Guide for the full schedule.

## We Like to Party

A special welcome to all the groups throwing **room parties** at FenCon this year. Tonight's parties include the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Stargate*** party and the first of two from our good friends at **ApolloCon**. Look for posted signs with the exact times and locations plus we'll announce more at Opening Ceremonies.

## 20 Years of ORAC

**ORAC** was born a *Blake's 7* fan club, grew up as a British SF club, and now is one of the largest and most dynamic general SF fan clubs in North Texas. Join the **celebration** at 9pm in the Science Fiction Reading Room

## Survey Says: We Need Your Help

VaderCast is presenting a fan-oriented version of "**Family Feud**" at noon Saturday in Program One. Ten lucky people will be randomly selected to play the Feud but everybody has a chance to participate. **Pick up a survey** from Registration, fill it out, and return it to the "Family Feud" box. When the host asks "Survey says?" you'll know that your answers made the difference.

## You Should Eat Something

Addison is home to hundreds of restaurants but we'd like to recommend the one right here on the first floor of this hotel, **McArthur's**. FenCon has made special arrangements for their awesome **breakfast buffet**: all you care to eat for **just \$10**, tax and tip included. In a hurry? They will be serving up tasty lunch and dinner buffets all weekend long.

## Shop the FenConvenience Store

We've got superheroic **FenCon IV t-shirts** and **fantastic tote bags** for just \$20 each. We've got the limited-edition **David Mattingly art print** for the low price of \$10. (And every penny of that \$10 goes directly to the North Texas Food Bank!) We've also got a very limited supply of charity prints from previous years, including a few matched-number sets. Plus we're having a **blowout on t-shirts** from previous FenCons—just \$10 each, while they last.

## Video By the Fen, For the Fen

This year's FenCon Video room offers a fresh mix of classics, cheese, documentaries, and rarities. Some of the **not to be missed** entries include the **Firefly** fan doc ***Done the Impossible*** Friday at 7pm, the fan made ***Star Trek: New Voyages*** episodes Saturday at 11am, plus a series of short comedies by local video artists **Brand O** on Saturday at 5pm. Plus check the Video Room all weekend for surprises, short features, and plenty of bonus goodies.