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## 2010

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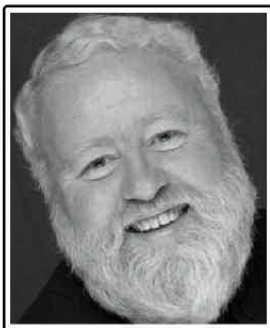
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# 2010

# Special Sci-Fi Guest



## SAL LIZARD, FLEET ADMIRAL

is currently serving a three-year term as the president and chairman of the board for Starfleet, the International Star Trek Fan Association. *"I am so proud to be leading such a great group of people. Starfleet is more than just a fan club; it's a worldwide family that comes together to share the dream of a better future. I hope people who find out about us for the first time will consider joining. It's a wonderful experience."* He is also an actor, a professional real-bearded Santa, stand up comic, and has recently formed a production company. Sal is an avid fan of sci-fi & horror movies.

# Paranormal Guests



## KALILA SMITH

personally researched and wrote the material featured on *Haunted History Tours*. She is the author of *Journey Into Darkness... Ghosts & Vampires of New Orleans*, *Searching for Spirits*, and *Miami Ghosts, Legends and Mysteries*. Kalila is currently working on another book and several television projects. She has been featured on half a dozen TV shows.

## VALLI HARRY

is the president and co-founder of the non-profit organization, LAW, the *Louisiana Alliance of Wiccans*. LAW affects positive changes for Wiccans & Pagans in LA, in the areas of legal, social, economic, and politics. In her role as Wiccan Priestess, at *Sacred Paths Circle* in Springfield, LA, she teaches Wicca, offers workshops, and holds Sabbat celebrations for the local Pagan community. She also rescues animals and raises Nubian goats, Russian honeybees, chickens, and a rescued donkey.



# Horror Guest



## DEBORAH LEBLANC

is an award-winning author and business owner from Lafayette, Louisiana. She's also a licensed death scene investigator and an active member of two national paranormal investigation teams. She is the president of the *Horror Writers Association*, president of the *Writers' Guild of Acadiana*, president of *Mystery Writers of America's* Southwest Chapter, and a member of *Sisters in Crime*, the *National Association of Women's Writers*, and *International Thriller Writers Inc.* In 2004, she created the *LeBlanc Literacy Challenge*. Her most recent novel is *Water Witch*.



# Performing Artists

## GEEK AMEOBA COMEDY PLAYERS

are a professional stand up comedy troupe based in Baton Rouge. This ever-revolving cast of comedians are died-in-the-wool geeks, and are proud to wave their freak flag high. Not only are each of the Geeks overjoyed to tour various science fiction and fantasy events, but each member is also a solo comedian with his own career. Using material aimed specifically for nerds of all kinds, the humor of the Amoebas ranges in topics from a science fiction



## THE CAST AWAYS

Open Theatre Troupe volunteer at faires, festivals and conventions, perform charity work, and appear in films. They will be hosting the Quest for the King of BabelCon competition, all weekend. Come and be knighted by Queen Dionne, or become a Lady of the Court! Knights who perform the most chivalrous of deeds may be chosen King by BabelCon's 2010 "Panel of Ladies". Visit

[www.MySpace.com/castawaysopentheatretroupe](http://www.MySpace.com/castawaysopentheatretroupe)

for more info on *The Cast Aways Open Theatre Troupe*, and their fun.

## ORION'S ENVY DANCERS

enchant males of many species into emptying their pocketbooks. On Star Trek, they are known for being animalistic in nature, possessing extreme carnal appetites, and for their innate skill of seduction. Harrad-Sar, their master, collects only the most beautiful & talented Orion slave girls, from *Oasis Bellydance Studio*, to form Orion's Envy. For more info on their services, visit [www.MySpace.com/OrionSlaveGirls](http://www.MySpace.com/OrionSlaveGirls).



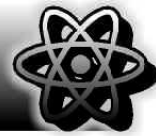
# Gaming Guest



## D&D AUTHOR, RANDY RICHARDS

is the author of *Dreadmire*, a Louisiana-culture based swamp accessory for 3.5 Dungeons & Dragons d20 System. *The Dreadmire Chronicles* is a new series of fantasy books based in the Dreadmire campaign setting. The first novel, *Knight of the Demon Tree*, written by Elizabeth Donald, is already available. Randy says, "Like I told my mom, its got Cajun hobbits, fungus demons, cannibal elves, giant cockroaches, monstrous mosquitoes, evil cypress treants, slime dragons, man-eating plants, and alligataurs." Learn more at [www.Dreadmire.com](http://www.Dreadmire.com) or check out the the wiki at [http://Dreadmire.Wikia.com/wiki/World\\_of\\_Dreadmire](http://Dreadmire.Wikia.com/wiki/World_of_Dreadmire)

# Author Guests



## JOSEPHINE TEMPLETON

has two published novels, *Forever Yours* (a vampire love story) and *Convicted of Love* (a historical romance), and her latest work is a Suburban Fantasy currently under review with publishers. Josephine also works as a freelance writer for Baton Rouge Parents Magazine, Town Favorites, and 008 Magazine in Lafayette, is a member of HeartLa (the Baton Rouge chapter of Romance Writers of America), and a rep of vampires, angels, demons and humans. Find out more about her on her website at <http://JosephineTempleton.tripod.com>

## DENISE ROPER

is a lecturer and author of *The Lord of the Hallows*, an examination of the Christian themes present in Harry Potter, offering a comparison to Rowling's series with *The Lord of the Rings* and the *Chronicles of Narnia*. This book includes fascinating explanations of Harry Potter's religious symbolism and iconography derived from the Bible, writings of early church fathers, ancient & Medieval bestiaries, Christian artwork, and the Arthurian quest for the Hallows of the Holy Grail.



## CRAIG CALLAIS

is currently finishing up the sequel to his first novel, *Warlord: The Ordeal*, as well as working on a third in the series. Craig grew up in Houma, Louisiana, reading the works of L. Ron Hubbard, Frank Herbert, and Michael Crichton. He attended *Nichols State University* majoring in Computer Science, and spends most of his spare time writing, and raising his son, Corbin.

## NAIOMI PITRE

is the founder of the *Baton Rouge Creative Writers League*, and the author of *Broken Vows*, a steamy romance novel. Naomi will be sharing valuable information about how she was able to quit her corporate job as a licensed personal banker in order to write full time, and run her own publishing businesses. In her spare time, Naomi hosts the *Baton Rouge Roleplayers Meetup*, where she enjoys playing games that have a heavy emphasis on roleplaying, such as *Call of Cthulhu*, *World of Darkness*, *Prime Time Adventures*, and *Mortal Coil*.



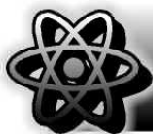
## STAR WARS AUTHOR, T. ALAN CHAFIN

is the co-author of *The Unauthorized Nitpicker's Guide to the Star Wars Saga*, a book that focuses on the flaws of some Star Wars movies. The book premiered at Shore Leave 29. In order to write it, the authors watched the films more times than most human beings could even imagine. In the process, he found all kinds of nits, glitches, trivia, and just plain oddities. You'll not only know more about Star Wars, you'll also learn a but about movie history. Alan has also written for Starlog, Analog, and the Star Trek comic book.

## DR. CHARLES GRAMLICH

teaches biological psychology and various experimental psychology classes at a small university in New Orleans. His novel, "Cold in the Light", is a horror thriller with science fiction and conspiracy elements thrown into the mix. It was published in trade paperback from The Invisible College Press. Information and ordering can be found at the [www.InvisPress.com/CIL](http://www.InvisPress.com/CIL) website.





# Author Guests



## M. B. WESTON

writes a fantasy series about guardian angel warfare and treason, *The Elysian Chronicles*. The first book in the series, *A Prophecy Forgotten*, was published in March 2007 by ArcheBooks Publishing, Inc., and its sequel, *Out of the Shadows*, was released soon after. Weston's radio program about science fiction and fantasy movies, *The Final Cut in Movies*, airs daily at [www.AdAstraRadio.com](http://www.AdAstraRadio.com).

## M. F. KORN

has written twelve novels and 245 short stories. Three of these books, *Confessions of a Ghoul and Other Stories*, *Aliens*, *Minibikes and Other Staples of Suburbia*, and *Skimming the Gumbo Nuclear* were mentioned in *The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror*. He recently sold his twelfth novel *Creature Feature* cowritten with David Mathew. To learn more please go to [www.MFKorn.com](http://www.MFKorn.com).



# Science Guests

Subscribe to our science-based Yahoo group: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/BabelScience>

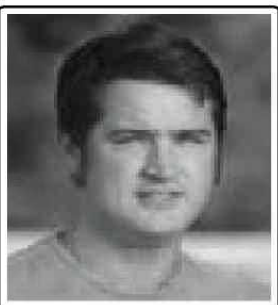


## DR. VALERIE MIKLES

is an astronomer at Louisiana State University, specializing in the study of black holes, microquasars, and other exotic and mysterious galactic X-ray sources. She is fascinated by the idea that stars not only live and evolve, but die, explode, and warp space-time. She grew up on *Star Trek*, but credits *Firefly* as the show that helped her become one with her nerdiness. In addition to costuming, fanfic writing, and general acts of geekiness, Valerie also maintains interest in dance and performance arts.

## KRISTA WOLFIEL

is a mommy, combat vet, artist, disgruntled environmentalist, mechanical designer, and engineer wrangler, are only a small handful of the hats Krista wears at any given moment. Her love of science fiction began at the age of 5 when her mother took her to see *Star Wars* 20 times. A transplant to Baton Rouge from Seattle Washington, Krista has experienced some culture shock -- however most of it has been a delight.



## MIKE CARAMBAT

is a local amateur astronomer, inventor and writer. He currently works as an IT Director for Istrouma Baptist Church. During a visit to Brazil, he visited the historic National Observatory in Rio De Janeiro where he interviewed one of the few remaining authorities on Einstein and the eclipse of 1919. This interview led Mike to write a science fiction novel featuring the eclipse, which will be his first published work when completed later this year.

# Science Guests



## DR. EUGENIA VALENTINE, PH.D.

has been attending, playing at, dressing up for, and presenting at science fiction conventions since she discovered them in grad school in the 1990s. She currently teaches psychology at a New Orleans University, and loves to discover new and twisted recesses of the mind with which to frighten -- er -- educate, students. Previous con panels include *The Psychology of Sci-Fi Characters: Is Kirk a Narcissist?*

## BART KEMPER

is now a professional engineer. Past incarnations include work as a journalist, bartender, paratrooper, magazine photographer, travel writer, artist, and Army combat engineer. His engineering work spans a variety of industries including petrochemical, security, blast & ballistics, equipment design and development, forensic work, subsea, aerospace, and making toys with his kids. Kemper's work includes patents, codes & standards, peer-reviewed articles, and combat duty in Iraq. Member of SFWA. (Mostly, he is harmless.)



# Fan Groups





# Schedule Highlights

At any given moment there will be a score of panel discussions, lectures, workshops, readings, music, dancing, games, videos, demonstrations, and entertainment of all sorts! Below are only SOME highlights of our HUGE schedule. To find out when and where they happen, use the updated **Schedule** sheet given at the registration desk.

## Avatar to Zardoz: The History of Sci-Fi Movies

Join enthusiasts in a lively discussion and video clips from landmark Sci-Fi films, from Metropolis to Matrix, and Flash Gordon to Flesh Gordon. 1.5 hours. Hosted by Richards, Lejeune, Lizard.

## BRAAAAAAINS! Zombie Walk

First, participants will attend "Zombies 101" in order to learn makeup, costuming, and zombie body language. Then the zombie uprising will shamble to the costume contest on the 1st floor. Host by 13th Gate employees, Richards, Lizard.

## Cosplay & Costume Contest

On Saturday night, be in the lobby for the 3rd annual costume contest! This year, we've added a category specifically for Star Trek fans: Best Redshirt! And yes, we are obsessed with redshirts this year. Hosted by Richards, Lizard, Geek Ameoba.

## Dungeons & Dragons Gamer Film Festival

### FRIDAY:

**2:20 pm:** Mazes & Monsters; **4:00 pm:** Futurama: Bender's Game; **5:30 pm:** Dragonlance: Dragons of Autumn Twilight; **7:00 pm:** The Gamers 2: Dorkness Rising; **9:00 pm:** The Gamers 1.

### SATURDAY:

**9:00 am:** The Assemblage of the Crystal Sphere; **10:30 am:** Fellowship of the Dice; **12:00 pm:** Uber Goober; **1:30 pm:** Gamerz; **3:30 pm:** Gamers; **5:00 pm:** Futurama: Bender's Game; **8:30 pm:** Dragonlance: Dragons of Autumn Twilight; **10:00 pm:** The Gamers 2: Dorkness Rising.

### SUNDAY:

**9 am to close:** Dungeons & Dragons, animated TV series.

## DramaCon

Its been said that "Southern fandom eats its young." Join a discussion about the joys, terrors, pitfalls, scandals, pettiness, tin-plated dictators, and general drama of conventions in the deep south. Hosted by Istre, Toney, Lizard, Geek Ameoba, and the BabelCon board of directors.

## Dreadmire Chronicles

"The Dreadmire Chronicles: Knight of the Demon Tree" is the first of a series of novels based on the Dreadmire D&D campaign setting, by Dungeons & Dragons author Randy Richards.

## Geek Music Fest

Enjoy the entertainment of geeky songs throughout the ages, including Star Wars Copacabana, Doctorin' the TARDIS, Star Trekkin', It's D&D!, Go Speed Racer, Disney's Pirate Song, They Might Be Giants, and many geek favorites. 1 hour. Hosted by Richards.

## Geek Out on YouTube

Watch with us as we show the best YouTube videos our nerdy friends geek out about, including Charlie the Unicorn, Triumph vs. Star Wars fans, retro Star Trek TV ads, 1-900-Nerd-Girl, Stormtrooper skits, Nerf Humor, The Big Bang Theory, and other hilarious videos. 1 hour. Hosted by Richards, Chafin.

## Messier: Images from the Comet Hunter

A pictorial marathon of all 110 objects in the Messier Catalog, as written by Charles Messier, the 18th century comet hunter. In late March and early April, it is possible for a determined observer to view the entire Messier Catalog from dusk to dawn - but Trevor McGuire has done all the work for you.

## Nerf Wars: Defend the Galactic Core

Penetrate the Great Barrier in an attempt to contact the Cytherians, an advanced race that lives at the center of our Galaxy. Attackers have a set amount of time to fire darts into the box target. After the time has elapsed, the teams switch and the attackers must beat the defenders' score. Players enter the game with three 'lives'. When a player is tagged, they lose a life and leave play for 15 seconds. After the time has elapsed, they can re-enter the game by moving outside of combat and yelling "clear". A player is permanently out when all of their lives have been lost. Objective: Prevent opponents from hitting the target. 1 hour.

## Nerf Wars: Humans vs. Zombies

A group of "survivors" attempts to outlast a "zombie outbreak" by avoiding a growing number of "zombies". A small number of players begin as zombies, and the rest are survivors. Survivors can use Nerf weapons, but zombies can only tag players by hand. If a zombie touches a human, the human becomes "infected" and joins the zombie team. Zombies are temporarily stunned (15 seconds) when tagged, but aren't eliminated. Objective: Be the last survivor. 1 hour.

## Nerf Wars: Mandalorians vs. Redshirts

Star Wars participants are on team "Mandalorians", and Star Trek participants are on team "Redshirts", who each enter the game with three 'lives'. When a player is tagged, they lose a life and leave play for 15 seconds. After the time has elapsed, they can re-enter the game by moving outside of combat and yelling "clear". A player is permanently out when all of their lives have been lost. Objective: Eliminate all cross-genre opponents. 1 hour.

## Nerf Wars: Spectre of the Gun

When Spock, Kirk, Scott, McCoy, and Chekov beam down to Melkot, they materialize at the O.K. Corral. The game is played with teams consisting of two persons each, and each player is limited to a single pistol. When a player is hit, they remove themselves from the game for 15 seconds and don a baseball cap. When a player wearing a cap is hit, they're permanently eliminated from the game. If a player wearing a cap eliminates another player wearing a cap, the shooter may remove his cap and regain the extra "life". Objective: Eliminate all opponents. 1 hour.

## Paranormal, Supernatural & Science - Oh, My!

This presentation & workshop contains over 200 photos, video clips, and educational definitions of jargon on both paranormal and science topics, and how they intertwine. An attempt has been made to be open-minded without letting our brains fall out, while promoting critical thinking skills. Audience participation is encouraged. 2 hours.

# Schedule Highlights



## Proving Relativity

The first proof of Einstein's Theory of General Relativity occurred during a rare solar eclipse in 1919. It was this proof that propelled Einstein from an obscure patent official into the larger-than-life figure we recognize today. Join us, as we briefly discuss the challenges, setbacks and hurdles overcome by Sir Arthur Eddington and his team of astronomers as they tried to prove Einstein correct. 1 hour.

## Random Fandom Trivia Challenge

Join us for a fun, easy, family-oriented trivia challenge about Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Comics, Movies & Games, to become inducted into a long line of heroes that have won the coveted the magical Medal of Erudite Knowledge. ...or not. 1 hour.

## Starfleet the Next Generation

Join Starfleet International fan club president, Admiral Sal Lizard, in a lively discussion about Starfleet, fans, conventions, and the future of Star Trek. 1 hour.

## Star Wars Costuming For Everyone

Join the Mandalorian Mercs as they demonstrate, discuss, and delineate the process of obtaining, creating, and wearing Star Wars and other elaborate costumes. 1 hour. Hosted by the Mandalorian Mercs.

## Who Cares if Pluto is a Planet?

A 45-minute video documentary on the demotion of the "celestial body formerly known as the 9th planet", followed by panel discussion on pluto, the solar system, Percival Lowell, Clyde Tombaugh, Walt Disney, planets, dwarf planets, and the Kuiper Belt, as well as history & politics in astronomy & science. 1.5 hours. Hosted by Richards, B.R.A.S.

## Why Redshirts Are Necessary

Redshirt is a slang term for a minor stock character of an adventure drama who dies violently soon after being introduced in order to dramatize the dangerous situation experienced by the main characters. The term originated with the classic Star Trek TV series, where security officers wearing red shirts would frequently meet their demise. 1 hour. Hosted by Myers, Lizard.

## Working With the Dead

What really happens when a body is removed from a death scene? What truly goes on behind morgue and embalming room doors? What happens to a body after it has been in a casket for a year--five years--sixty years? What about after death? Are ghosts real or are those paranormal 'reality' shows a bunch of bunk? 1 hour. Hosted by Deborah LeBlanc.

## World of Warcraft: Is Dungeons & Dragons Dead?

Was the introduction of 4th Edition the death knell for D&D? Many insiders think there was a profound industry shift. Find out how the world is reacting to 4th Edition, the new OGL and licenses, and discuss whether or not there will be a 5th Edition. 1 hour. Hosted by Richards.

## Writing About What You Don't Know

How to gain knowledge of the unfamiliar and the unusual, in order to write about it. 1 hour. Hosted by Deborah LeBlanc.

**Q:** How come all the panels don't have a full description?

**A:** Not all guests submitted descriptions for their presentations. Those that did were printed in the program book.

## Other Scheduled Titles

10 Things We Hate About the New Star Trek Movie

Baton Rouge Astronomical Society

Epic Fantasy vs. Urban Fantasy

Future of Doctor Who

Ghosts of New Orleans

Green Orion Girls: Exotic Dance Lessons

History of Anime

How to Develop an iPhone App

How to Get Your Game Published

How Big is the Universe?

Make Writing Your Career

Messier: Images from the Comet Hunter

Name That Sci-Fi Tune!

Parapsychology

Peering Inside Black Holes

Proving Einstein's Relativity

Sex and the Single Nerd (Late Night)

So You Want to LARP?

What Are Dreams?

When Going Green Hurts the Environment

Writing for Hollywood Movies

## Other Schedule Events

Anime & Animation Film Festival

Belly Dancing Show

Comedy to Die For: Sal the Zombie

"Get Your Geek On" Charity Auction

Coronation of King BabelCon

Geek Ameoba Comedy Troupe

Green Orion Girls, Exotic Dance Show

Knighting & Lady Ceremonies by Queen Dionne

Louisiana Renaissance Festival Demos

Quest for the King Competition

Rocky Horror Picture Show, Live!

Star Trek Trivia

Telescope Viewing with B.R. Astronomical Society



# Last Minute Guest

## JAMES HARRY

is an attorney, practicing law for over fourteen years. He successfully challenged the Livingston Parish *Anti-Divination Law* passed in 2007, which was declared unconstitutional. He is a practicing Wiccan, and the attorney for LAW, the *Louisiana Alliance of Wiccans*, a non-profit organization protecting the rights of Witches and other Magick Practitioners. He is grateful to count Dr. Raymond Buckland, Father of American Wicca, amongst his friends.



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAMER FILM FESTIVAL

### Friday

2:20 pm: Mazes & Monsters  
4:00 pm: Futurama: Bender's Game  
5:30 pm: Dragonlance: Dragons of Autumn Twilight  
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### Saturday

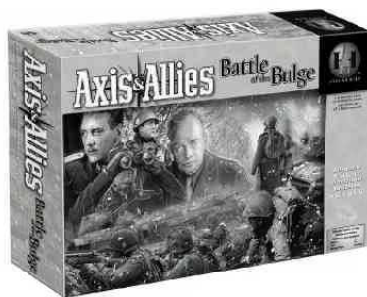
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### Saturday (continued)

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### Sunday

9:00 am: Dungeons & Dragons, animated TV series



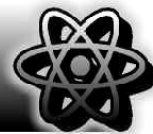
## Baton Rouge Game Club

[www.BabelCon.com/GameClub.html](http://www.BabelCon.com/GameClub.html)



Weekly Games + Special Events

# Hours of Operation



## CONVENTION HOURS

**Friday:** 3:00 pm/1:00 am

**Saturday:** 10:00 am/1:00 am

**Sunday:** 9:00 am/2:00 pm

## HOSPITALITY FOOD SUITE

**Friday:** Anime Film Festival

**Saturday:** Food 11am/4pm & Anime

**Sunday:** Anime Film Festival

## REGISTRATION TABLE

**Friday:** 2:30 pm

**Saturday:** 9:00 am

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

## SHAQ LODGE - GAMING AREA

**Friday:** 3:00 pm/6:00 am

**Saturday:** 10:00 am/6:00 am

**Sunday:** 10:00 am/3:00 pm



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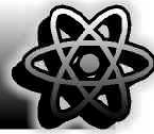
## 4TH FLOOR: ROOM 424

### SCHEDULE

*Schedule may change. Ratings come from AnimeNewsNetwork.com. All titles shown with English Dubs unless otherwise noted.*

Date/Time	Title	Rating	Notes	Number Eps
03/19/10 05:00 PM	Darker Than Black	Teenagers		2
03/19/10 06:00 PM	My Beautiful Mari	All Ages	Korean	1
03/19/10 07:30 PM	Planetes	Older Children		3
03/19/10 09:00 PM	Afro Samurai	Mature		2
03/19/10 10:00 PM	Puni Puni Poemy	Mature		2
03/19/10 11:00 PM	Yawara!	Teenagers	Japanese Dub w/ English Subtitles	2
03/20/10 12:00 AM	Beck – Mongolian Chop Squad	Mature		2
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03/20/10 02:00 AM	TBA			
03/20/10 03:00 AM	TBA			
03/20/10 04:00 AM	TBA			
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03/20/10 06:00 AM	Shingu: Secret of the Stellar Wars	Older Children		2
03/20/10 07:00 AM	The Slayers			2
03/20/10 08:00 AM	Ghost Hunt			2
03/20/10 09:00 AM	Infinite Ryvius	Teenagers		2
03/20/10 10:00 AM	Kino's Journey	Teenagers		2
03/20/10 11:00 AM	Crest of the Stars		Japanese Dub w/ English Subtitles	2
03/20/10 12:00 PM	Vision of Escaflowne	Teenagers		2
03/20/10 01:00 PM	Le Chevalier D'Eon	Mature		2
03/20/10 02:00 PM	Neon Genesis Evangelion	Teenagers		2
03/20/10 03:00 PM	The Girl Who Leapt Through Time			1
03/20/10 04:45 PM	Romeo x Juliet	Teenagers		3
03/20/10 06:00 PM	The Place Promised in Our Early Days	Teenagers		1
03/20/10 07:30 PM	Emma: A Victorian Romance		Japanese Dub w/ English Subtitles	3
03/20/10 09:00 PM	Cowboy Bebop	Mature		2
03/20/10 10:00 PM	Shigurui	Mature		2
03/20/10 11:00 PM	Now and Then, Here and There	Teenagers		2
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# Anime Film Festival



## DESCRIPTIONS

Title	Company	Episode Count	Minutes Per	Ratings	Themes/Genres	Plot Summary
Afro Samurai	FUNimation Entertainment	5	25	Mature	adventure, fantasy, science fiction, samurai	On the dark path of swordsmanship in a "Futuristic" yet Feudal Japan, it is said that the one who becomes No.1 On the dark path of swordsmanship in a "futuristic" yet feudal Japan, it is said that the one who becomes the No. 1 warrior will rule the world with powers akin to a god. Only the No. 2 warrior is allowed to challenge the No. 1, but anyone can challenge the No. 2. The current No. 2, the Afro Samurai, travels the road looking for revenge on Justice, the man who murdered his father (who was then the No. 1) in front of him when he was just a boy, a skilled gunman who became the current No. 1 after defeating Afro's father.
Beck – Mongolian Chop Squad	FUNimation Entertainment	26	25	Mature	comedy, drama, romance, slice of life, music	Tanaka Yukio, better known by his nickname Koyuki is a 14 year old who feels disconnected from life in general. Through the act of saving a mismatched dog, he meets guitarist Minami Ryuusuke, and becomes involved in Ryuusuke's new band BECK. Koyuki's life starts to change as the band struggles towards fame.
Cowboy Bebop	Bandai Entertainment	26	25	Mature	action, drama, science fiction, bounty hunters, space	Spike Spiegel, a bounty Hunter with a dark past, lives on bounty to bounty, barely making it each time, or not making it at all. His partners Jet Black, Faye Valentine, Ed and Ein the dog all help him in his adventures from planet to planet.
Crest of the Stars	Bandai Entertainment	13	25		drama, romance, science fiction, military, space	Based on a sci-fi novel series, Crest of the Stars (Seikai no Monsho) is the first installment in this sci-fi saga. The story follows Jinto, a young prince, whose world was taken over by the largest Empire in the Galaxy: The Abh. Jinto's father handed their world over to the Abh in exchange for a standing in the Abh Empire. As a result, Jinto became a prince and was shipped off for an Abh Education. Later he meets a princess of the Abh Empire, Lafiel, whom he quickly befriends despite her cold exterior. The Abh empire is plunged into war and the story continues from there...
Darker Than Black	FUNimation Entertainment	26	24	Teenagers	adventure, drama, mystery, science fiction, supernatural, neo-noir, post-apocalyptic, superhuman, superpowers	In Tokyo, an impenetrable field known as "Hell's Gate" appeared ten years ago. At the same time, psychics who wield paranormal powers at the cost of their conscience also emerged. Hei is one of the most powerful of these psychic agents, and along with his blind associate, Yin, works for one of the many rival agencies vying to unlock the mysteries of Hell's Gate.
Emma: A Victorian Romance	Right Stuf, Inc.	12	25		romance, slice of life, england, historical	In late 19th century London, William Jones, a member of the gentry, meets and falls in love with Emma, and she with him. This chance meeting overturns both their lives - for Emma is a maid, and the barriers of class and wealth stand between them.
Ghost Hound	Section23	22	25		drama, horror, mystery, psychological, supernatural	Production IG's 20th Anniversary Project, Ghost Hound is set in the modest town of Suiten, located in a desolate region in the island of Kyūshū. The story follows the experiences of three boys who have had traumatic experiences in childhood from which they have learned to transfer their souls to a parallel world known as the "Unseen World". The Unseen World is however undergoing a change, with its ghosts starting to appear in the real world, altering it in unpredictable ways.
Ghost Hunt	FUNimation Entertainment	25	25		comedy, drama, horror, mystery, psychological, supernatural, ghosts, vampires	Telling ghost stories is a favorite past time of Mai Taniyama and her friends—that is, until she meets 17 year-old Kazuya Shibuya, the man sent by Shibuya Psychic Research Center to investigate paranormal activity at a supposedly haunted school. When Mai gets caught in a dangerous situation, she is rescued by Kazuya's assistant. Saving her lands the assistant incapacitated, and Kazuya demands that Mai become his assistant, instead...
Hell Girl	FUNimation Entertainment	26	25	Teenagers	drama, horror, mystery, psychological, supernatural, revenge	Somewhere in the vast sea of the Internet, there's a website that can only be accessed at the stroke of midnight. Known as the Jigoku Tsushin, rumor has it that if you post a grudge there, the Jigoku Shoujo will appear and drag whoever torments you into the inferno. Very little is known about the girl - all we know for sure is that she lives with her equally enigmatic grandmother, that three magical straw dolls accompany and serve her, and that whenever a posting on the Jigoku Tsushin moves her, she becomes the Jigoku Shoujo.
Infinite Ryvius	Bandai Entertainment	26	24	Teenagers	drama, psychological, romance, science fiction, mecha, space	The year is AD 2225. Kouji Aiba and Aoi Housen are serving as astronauts in-training in Liebe Delta which is located on the edge of the Geduld Sea. When saboteurs with unknown intents suddenly strike during a routine dive procedure, the space station plummets into the Geduld, a plasma field that links all the planets like a nervous system and crushes any ship that strays too far into it. With all the adults onboard killed, the young astronauts will have to survive this long journey home in midst of the growing tension amongst each other. Meanwhile the organizers of the sabotage look on and prepare to attack once more.
Kino's Journey	Section23	13	24	Teenagers	adventure, drama, psychological	The story follows the travels of Kino, a young adventurer who rides a talking motorcycle named Hermes. They explore the people and cultures of different places throughout their adventures, spending only three days at each location.
Le Chevalier D'Eon	FUNimation Entertainment	24	25	Mature	drama, fantasy, horror, mystery, supernatural, historical, tragedy	During the time when Louis XV still ruled France, a certain woman was found dead in the coffin floating through the Seine river. D'Eon, the woman's brother, determines to search for the killer of his sister, Lia. But there are some strange movements in France. And things become more strange when Lia's soul enters D'Eon's body...

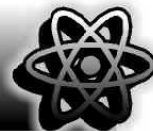


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Megazone 23	Section23	3	81, 82, 51	Mature	mystery, romance, science fiction, mecha, real robot	Motorcycle enthusiast Shogo mistakenly comes into possession of a government prototype bike. Pursued by ruthless government agents he plans to save himself by exposing the bike to the public on a live TV show hosted by a popular singing star. But, even the lovely Eve has secrets of her own and the government has much more to hide than just a transforming military motorcycle. As Shogo begins to unravel the mystery of the bike, he discovers a reality-shattering secret about the city and the world he thought he knew.
Mushi-Shi	FUNimation Entertainment	26	25		adventure, drama, mystery, psychological, supernatural, folklore, mythology	They are neither plants nor animals. They differ from other forms of life such as the micro-organisms and the fungi. Instead they resemble the primeval body of life and are generally known as "Mushi". Their existence and appearance are unknown to many and only a limited number of humans are aware of them. Ginko is a "Mushi-shi" who travels around to investigate and find out more about the "Mushi". In the process, he also lends a helping hand to people who face problems with supernatural occurrences which may be related to the "Mushi".
My Beautiful Mari	Section23	Movie	80	All Ages	drama, fantasy	When office worker Nam-woo receives a package from childhood friend Jun-ho it transports him back to their last summer together. Back to their hometown in a small fishing village in the last few days before Jun-ho left for boarding school in Seoul. When a marble and an abandoned lighthouse had the power to transport him to a fantastic world where a mysterious flying girl named Mari lived.
Neon Genesis Evangelion	Section23	26	25	Teenagers	action, drama, psychological, science fiction, mecha, military, post-apocalyptic, real robot, self-identification	At the age of 14 Shinji Ikari is summoned by his father to the city of Neo Tokyo-3 after several years of separation. There he unwillingly accepts the task of becoming the pilot of a giant robot by the name EVA01 and protect the world from the enigmatic invaders known as "angels." Even though he repeatedly questions why he has accepted this mission from his estranged and cold father, his doing so helps him to gradually accept himself. However, why exactly are the angels attacking and what are his father's true intentions are yet to be unraveled.
Now and Then, Here and There	Section23	13	30	Teenagers	adventure, drama, science fiction, military, post-apocalyptic, time travel, war	Shu is a typical Japanese boy, but has an unbeatable, optimistic and determined attitude. However, when he sees a mysterious girl with strange eyes named Lala-Ru up on a smokestack, he is soon pulled into a strange desert world. Shu soon discovers the true terrors of war, which includes genocide, brutal torture, hunger, thirst, and child exploitation. Now Shu is trying to save Lala-Ru, as well as his hard earned, and often reluctant, new friends from the insane dictator, Hamdo. Whether Shu can possibly accomplish saving those he cares about while still holding up to his values remains to be seen.
Planetes	Bandai Entertainment	26	25	Older Children	action, comedy, drama, romance, science fiction, slice of life, love, politics, space	In the year 2075, mankind has reached a point where journeying between Earth, the moon and the space stations is part of daily life. However, the progression of technology in space has also resulted in the problem of the space debris, which can cause excessive and even catastrophic damage to spacecrafts and equipment. This is the story of Technora's Debris Collecting section, its EVA worker, Hachirota "Hachimaki" Hoshino, and the newcomer to the group, Ai Tanabe.
Puni Puni Poemy	Section23	2	30	Mature	comedy, magic, science fiction, ecchi, magical girl, moe, parody	Poemi Watanabe (a.k.a. Kobayashi) is a 10-year-old girl with aspirations of being a famous voice actress. Unfortunately, her school grades are bad and her voice acting is even worse. But when a mysterious alien kills her parents and wreaks havoc all over Tokyo, Poemi grabs a talking fish, skins it into a wand and becomes the magical girl Puni Puni Poemi to save the day.
Romeo x Juliet	FUNimation Entertainment	24	30	Teenagers	drama, fantasy, romance	This is a story of a young and tragic love, set in the aerial city of Neo Verona. Tyranny rules this island in the sky after the Montague family took control 14 years prior. The disparity among the wealthy and poor is apparent in the present state, the earth dries and water stagnates. The sky itself is wrapped in a deep dense fog. Both Romeo and Juliet's lineages are of present and past ruling families of Neo Verona. Romeo is the son of the current Montague dictator, Juliet (a beautiful woman) masquerades as a man (Odin), she's the last descendant of Capulet the previous rulers who were killed by an assassin's dagger 14 years ago. Her true background is not to be revealed to her until her 16th birthday. The cruel hands of fate introduces 2 people who will become "Star Crossed Lovers".
Shigurui	FUNimation Entertainment	12	25	Mature	drama, historical	At the beginning of the Edo Era, when people enjoyed a time of peace, Lord Tokugawa Tadanaga holds a fighting tournament. In the past, matches were fought with wooden swords. This time, real swords will be used. One-armed Fujiki Gennosuke and blind Irako Seigen will fight each other in this match. Both are disciples of Iwamoto Kogan, who is known as Japan's greatest swordsman. Each of them are determined to prove himself the successor of Iwamoto's school. However, there can only be one champion. So begins a story of intertwining fates, conflict, and strange destinies.

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The Girl Who Leapt Through Time	Bandai Entertainment	Movie	98		adventure, drama, romance, science fiction, school, time travel	When 17-year-old Makoto Konno gains the ability to, quite literally, "leap" backwards through time, she immediately sets about improving her grades and preventing personal mishaps. However, she soon realizes that changing the past isn't as simple as it seems, and eventually, will have to rely on her new powers to shape the future of herself and her friends.
The Place Promised in Our Early Days	Section23	Movie	91	Teenagers	adventure, drama, romance, science fiction, military	In an alternate timeline, Japan was divided after losing World War II: Hokkaido was annexed by "Union" while Honshu and other southern islands were under US sovereignty. A gigantic yet mysterious tower was constructed at Hokkaido and could be seen clearly from Aomori (the northernmost prefecture of Honshu) across Tsugaru Strait. In the summer of 1996, three 9th-graders had made a promise that one day they'll build an aircraft and unravel the tower's mystery, but their project was abandoned after the girl, Sayuri Sawatari, began experiencing sleeping sickness and transferred to Tokyo for better treatment. Three years later, Hiroki Fujisawa accidentally found out that Sayuri had been in coma since then, and he asked Takuya Shirakawa to help him finding a way to revive her. What they don't know yet is that Sayuri's unconsciousness is somehow linked with secrets of the tower and the world.
The Slayers	FUNimation Entertainment	26	25		adventure, comedy, fantasy	Lina Inverse, a wandering sorceress and bandit-killer, joins forces with roving swordsman Gourry Gabriev in what's supposed to be a quick union of convenience. Instead, an artifact Lina "liberated" from a gang of thieves turns out to be the key to the resurrection of the demon lord Shabranigdo. Urged on by the mysterious Red Priest Rezo, the pair has no choice but to fight the dark lord and his servants, accumulating new allies and enemies along the way
Vision of Escaflowne	Bandai Entertainment	26	25	Teenagers	adventure, drama, fantasy, romance, mecha	High school student Hitomi is transported from Earth to the magical world of Gaea, where she meets boy prince Van Fanel, and is caught up in his quest to unite the countries of Gaea against the ominous Zaibach empire. On the way, she discovers an hidden ability and strives to unravel layers of mystery surrounding Van, his past, and the giant machine known as Escaflowne.
Yawara!	AnimEigo	124	30	Teenagers	comedy, drama, romance, slice of life, music	Inokuma Yawara is just another young high school girl. Well, not quite - for Yawara is being raised by her grandfather, 7th dan Judo master Inokuma Jigorou, to be Japan's great hope for the women's Judo competition at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. All the same, Yawara just wants to live a normal life...

# COSTUME CONTEST ENTRY FORM

It is important that you **PRINT CLEARLY** all answers below.

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

Circle Category:      Redshirt      Expert      Novice      Child (12 & under)

Costume Title/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What part of the costume did you make yourself (if any)?

Intro Text (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

## BABELCON COSTUME CONTEST ENTRY RULES

- The BabelCon Cosplay & Costume Contest is open to any individual or group registered at BabelCon.
- The event will be held on Saturday evening. See the Schedule for exact time.
- **Entry forms should be brought to the Registration desk.**
- In most cases, no entries will be allowed 30 minutes before the contest starts.
- There will be a limited number of entries. A group entry counts as one.
- The competition is open to all age groups. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Awards will include an engraved first place trophy in each adult category. Children receive a certificate.
- Participants are judged on costume construction, originality and presentation.
- Please limit presentations to 2 minutes or less.
- No smoke effects, fake blood, or any other kind of substance will be allowed during the presentations.
- Please keep costumes and presentations PG-rated as there will be children present.
- "No costume" is not a costume. If in doubt as to a costume's raciness, get prior approval from a board member.
- Participants need to be in the contest room at least 30 minutes before the competition in order to line up.
- Late comers may not be allowed to participate if time does not allow.
- Board members reserve the right to modify any of the competition rules before, during, or after the competition.
- Real weapons must be peace bonded. Real guns are not allowed. Fake weapons cannot be made of metal.



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