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**CONKOPELLI**

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*Phoenix, AZ*

[CoKoCon](#) Update for Monday, August 20. We'll be updating you weekly up to the con!

Note: attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

### **UPDATES**

We'll be closing pre-registration on Friday, August 24. Right now, adult memberships (12 and over) are \$50 with children (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (under 7) free but limited to two per adult member. That will go up to \$60 at the door, so [buy now](#) to get your memberships at the cheaper rate.

As mentioned last week, our [mobile friendly program schedule](#) is live on our website and believed to be complete (subject, as always, to change). This includes all panels and events, including film programming and author/artist autograph sessions.

Don't forget to periodically check the [Charity Auction page](#) on our website to see what new goodies have been added to the auction block!

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Thus far, we've focused on our Guests of Honor, each of which will have their own spotlight panel, Cheshire Moon's being a concert. They'll all be together on Saturday night at our [Meet the Guests](#) event, which will be followed by an [Ice Cream Social](#) in the ConSuite.

We've also covered art, mentioning that Steve Rude will be [Live Painting](#) in the Art Show throughout the con, that Mark Greenawalt will be conducting a masterclass and that both of them, along with Gilead, will be taking part in our [Sketch Off](#) for the con's charity, the Y! Achievers. Baron Dixon has been added to the Sketch Off, so it now features four artists!

We also have a host of other special events to highlight, from things that traditional fandom expects to modern elements of the congoing experience via a few Arizona traditions, so let's run through them!

Hal C. F. Astell has been bringing his [Apocalypse Later Roadshow](#) to conventions across the southwest since 2013 and he'll be at CoKoCon with his 32nd show: 90 minutes of quality international short films that are mostly still doing the festival circuit. See them at CoKoCon first on Friday night.

Len Berger took over [At the Movies](#) after the passing of Barry Bard, continuing the tradition of screening trailers for upcoming movies and raffling off all sorts of movie memorabilia, all sponsored by CASFS. He'll be hosting two such events at CoKoCon: a traditional family friendly one and an 18+ version of gory indie movies. Like all our events, At the Movies is free to attendees, so come and win swag!

Michael Senft, who runs the Sci-Fi Fridays Book Club at the Poisoned Pen, will be leading two [Book Discussions](#) at CoKoCon: *City of Stairs* by Robert Jackson Bennett and *The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet* by Becky Chambers. Local Author GoH Beth Cato will co-host the latter discussion.

Saturday night in our event room will wrap up with a [Nerdy and Naughty Comedy Show](#) featuring some of the very best

comedians in Phoenix: Nathanael Butler, Trejon Dunkley, Kid Ever, Paul Goebel, Ben Lewis and Steve Marek. This will be a high-energy nerdy show featuring adult humor, so it's for 18+.

The Phoenix Astronomical Society will be outside on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night to host Star Parties. Come and look through their high powered telescopes to see a closer look at Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturday and, very possibly, the Moon.

Heroes United AZ are even bringing their *Game of Thrones* throne for us to sit in, be photographed and feel paranoid about who's coming for us.

## **DEMOS**

There will be demos from across the spectrum at CoKoCon.

Professor Theodoric Brandywine will be demonstrating the lost Victorian martial art of Bartitsu, as made famous by Sherlock Holmes. Lady Brandywine will be similarly demonstrating the ladies' art of Suffrage-Jitsu. Learn how to fight like gentleman and ladies!

Gilead will be featured on a number of programming items, but one on Monday is a two hour Demo Drawing with Gilead on how to solve common problems that plague artists, like drawing hair, shiny metal, hands and feet, faces and expressions, etc.

The D.R.E.A.D. Fleet will be in attendance to showcase a whole bunch of pirate activities, including Pirate Fencing, which will include a live demo of a duel between pirates!

There's something for everyone at CoKoCon, as we'll have everything from balloon sword dueling to crochet! We'll even have a mermaid, as Mermaid Kelli will be providing a Mermaid Swimming Demo in the hotel pool.

## **PARTY FOR IGGY'S 40TH**

40 years before CoKoCon but on the very same weekend, Phoenix held the 36th World Science Fiction Convention, dubbed IguanaCon II, which was the largest ever held up until that point and certainly one of the most memorable. AZFandom.org is sponsoring a party to commemorate Iggy's 40th. Come eat, drink and chat, and share your memories of Harlan Ellison and his RV, the advance screening of *Watership Down*, the infamous Anvil of God or whatever else comes to mind!

And that's just one of the parties booked for CoKoCon!

## **HOTEL ROOMS**

Don't forget to book your room at the host hotel! It's great not having to drive home after a full day of panels and parties. Drop your purchases in your room during the day and head on back to sleep after the evening's events are done.

If you're having trouble booking a room within our convention block, please e-mail our Hotel Liaison who will be able to look into the issue for you.

## **GENERAL**

CoKoCon is a general sf/f convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2018 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 31 to Sep 3) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). GoHs are Harry Turtledove (Author), Steve Rude (Artist), Beth Cato (Local Author), Cheshire Moon (Filk) and Eric Wile (Gaming). Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with children (7-12) half price and Kids-in-Tow (under 7) free (limited to 2 per adult). Hotel rooms are \$92 and suites \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details on our website.

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