

Subject: CoKoCon 2019 - Filk and Other Programming
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[CoKoCon](#) is your general science fiction/fantasy convention in Phoenix, AZ with a slight focus on authors! Here's your update for Monday, July 29.

Attendance will be **capped at 500** so get your membership soon!

DEADLINES

Our room block at the DoubleTree is about to close so, if you're planning on staying at the hotel this year, we recommend that you do so before August 1 to ensure that you're only charged the discounted convention rate.

This goes double if you're planning to host a room party at CoKoCon and so need a suite. We'll be freeing up any unneeded suites to the hotel after August 1, so fill out your party forms before then.

Staying at the hotel means that you can relax and enjoy our programming that runs into the evenings and imbibe in adult beverages at room parties, all while helping the convention to reduce its function space costs.

We'll be closing online registration on August 15 and prices will be slightly higher at the convention so, if you don't have your memberships already, now's a great time to buy them. Currently, an adult membership is \$50 with youths half price.

ALEXANDER JAMES ADAMS

We're very proud to honour Alexander James Adams as our Filk GoH!

A professional musician of over forty years, Alec has always used magic in his

performances to transform and inspire his listeners into states of being and realms of desire that leave them changed for the better. Using stories and songs of Antiquity, he creates places where the audience can find their unspoken secrets and address them with new inspiration.

With twenty albums, a few spoken word stories and many collaborations with other musicians, Alexander applies transformational magic to his music in hopes of changing things that need to be changed.

Heir to the music and legend of Heather Alexander, Alec performs her music and his own with a style that goes beyond reality and into the imagined.

Alexander James Adams is kindly sponsored by the Phoenix Filk Circle. Thank you!

OTHER FILK

Filkers will be out in force with a dedicated filk room and plenty of open filking. If you don't know what filk is, they'll be happy to demonstrate. Put simply, it's music with a geeky spin.

Alexander James Adams will have his spotlight concert on Sunday and we'll have other concerts in the filk room too, including one with Mark & Jennifer Horning. For those who want to join in, there'll be a jam session too and an instrument petting zoo, where you can learn about and try out all sorts of instruments yourself.

Other filk programming will include singalongs and panels, as well as a live performance of a radio play set in the *Firefly* universe, presented by the Not Ready for Warp Speed Players.

EVENTS

For those not into music, we'll have all sorts of other events programmed.

Our Weird Science GoH, Professor Sparks, will present two electrical shows in Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory. Our Artist GoH, will take part in the Sketch Off.

Film fans will enjoy the Apocalypse Later Roadshow on Friday night, showing quality international short films. At the Movies will follow that with trailers and freebies for everyone in attendance. Friday night's will be an 18+ show with a family friendly one on Sunday.

Mermaid Spectra will swim in the hotel pool and teach you how to bring out your inner mermaid. We'll have singing and dancing pirates, as the D.R.E.A.D. Fleet entertain us with a scavenger hunt and sword fighting demos.

Michael Senft of the Poisoned Pen's Sci-Fridays Book Club will present a book discussion with past GoH Beth Cato at her only convention in 2019.

We'll have interactive game and trivia panels, including a return for To Boldly Draw.

We'll also have make and takes galore, which may include a materials fee. Come and learn how to make cordials; create superhero costumes for kids; make masks; or steampunk up NERF guns, trinket boxes or lapel pins.

Our [online programming schedule](#) is live and being fleshed out daily. Check it out regularly to see what else we're adding in!

GENERAL

CoKoCon is a general science fiction/fantasy convention jointly sponsored by CASFS and WesternSFA. Our 2019 event will be held over the four day Labor Day weekend (Aug 30 to Sep 2) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North (MetroCenter off I-17 at Peoria Ave). Adult memberships (over 12) are currently \$50 with youths (7-12) half price and kids-in-tow (under 7) free (but limited to 2 per adult). Hotel rooms are \$92 (single thru quad) and suites are \$102. Membership will be capped at 500. All details are on our website.

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