

FRIDAY

	Earth Room	Fire Room	Foyer	Harmony Room	Sun Sphere	Water Room		
6pm	Workshop: Swordfighting Lisa Lagergren Want to learn the art of swordplay? Come find out how to do awesome things with the gentleman of weapons!				Watching it Ironically Stephanie Lai, Dee Pirko, John Richards So bad it's good? So bad it's really bad, but you promised to live-tweet it and you can't back out now? A chance to confess that you secretly think Plan 9 From Outer Space had some redeeming qualities, or that you have every SyFy Original TV movie on DVD.	Games Room Board and card games provided – or bring your own!	6pm	
				Continuum 101 Hespa, Nicole Canal, David McDonald, Brendan Podger For anyone new or relatively new.				
7pm	New in 2013 Danny Fahey, Richard Harland, George Ivanoff, Amie Kaufman, Jay Kristoff, Ander Louis, Cat Sparks Debuts and new titles coming out in 2013. Come and hear the authors talk about their work.			The Art of Cosplay Hespa, Dorian Ellis, Rachel Holkner, Dee Pirko From sewing to soldering to scrounging at Savers, people who like dressing up talk about how and why they do it (and how you can too).	Rants m1k3y Mutant Movies, Man & Machine		7pm	
8pm	Opening Ceremony						8pm	
								Chronos Awards
9pm	The Great Debate Paul Collins, George Ivanoff, N. K. Jemisin, Josh Kinal, Ian Mond, Katherine Phelps Sure, science fiction might make space travel look glamorous, but what would it really be like? Would you rather bum around on a smelly space station or rattle around on a classic tramcar? Which is scarier – being lost in space or braving the Sandringham line after dark? Our quick-witted contestants debate: Public transport is more exciting than space travel.		Friday Night Cocktail Party Wear your cocktail best and come hang out in the bar in the Ether Foyer! Nicely priced drinks at the open bar and a whole lot of fans, it's a great way to start your Continuum weekend.				9pm	
10pm	The Happiness Patrol: Squee v Hate Liz Barr, George Ivanoff, Ben McKenzie, John Richards, Julia Svaganovic Think Doctor Who jumped the shark when it went into colour? Wish Rose would come back forever? Do you have very strong feelings about Amy Pond? Join us for a fight to the death! Or, um, until we agree to disagree.			Effective Habits for Emerging Authors Pete Aldin, Steve Cameron, Amie Kaufman, Michael Pryor, Michael Pryor So you want to be an author. You have an idea, you have a word processor ... maybe you need another cup of coffee? How to overcome procrastination, interact with readers and other authors and generally be a pro.	Reinventing the Fairy Tale Danny Fahey, Stephanie Lai, Amanda Pillar, David Witteveen Folk tales have always changed to suit the era and culture in which they're being told, but more than ever, we're seeing deliberately revisionist accounts of classic fairy tales. How do they change? How do they stay the same? What do they tell us about our own culture?			10pm
				Talking Shadows Robert Datson, Talie Helene, Robert Hood, Kirstyn McDermott, Jason Nahrung Winners of the Australian Shadows Award for horror fiction talk about work and careers, read from their winning publications and take your questions.	Sci-Fi With Subtitles m1k3y, Liz Barr, Nicole Canal, Stephanie Lai Great speculative fiction is by no means limited to the Anglophone world. From Chinese steampunk to Swedish robots, a look at the best genre films and television in languages other than English.			
11pm	Screening: The Hunt for Gollum Written, starring and filmed by fans, this is a prequel to The Lord of the Rings in the style of Peter Jackson.						11pm	

SATURDAY EARLY

	Earth Room	Fire Room	Foyer	Harmony Room	Sun Sphere	Water Room	
10am		Reboots and Retcons Lucy Baker, Nicole Canal, George Ivanoff, David McDonald Some consider rebooting and retconning simply helpful ways of freshening up a mature comics, TV, or film series. Others consider them big frickin cheats. Discuss.		Kids: Build a Rocket Danielle Madeley With just cardboard and colours, we're going to get this thing into space!	Speech Bubbles and Space Blasters Matt Emery, Jason Franks, Emmet O'Cuaná SF in comics: the good, the bad, the utterly mind-blowing.	Workshop: Making Chainmail Jewelry Kirstyn McDermott Learn to make your own chainmail jewellery (prebooking required).	10am
	Presentation: Change and Decay Grant Watson In 1981 Doctor Who underwent the most radical shift in tone and style since the introduction of colour in 1970. An examination of the seven serials that comprise Doctor Who's 18th season.						
11am		Continuum 101 Hespa, Nicole Canal, David McDonald, Brendan Podger		Kids: Kids Talk Back Rachel Holkner This is where the younger members can have their say. What are you reading? What are you watching? What's the worst book you've ever read? What's the best game you ever played?	Social Justice 101 Liz Barr, Connie Chen, Stephanie Lai, Julia Svaganovic Social justice is increasingly discussed in speculative fiction fandom, but a lot of the discourse assumes you already know the basics. Come and find out what all the debates are about.	Game Demo: Ghost Stories Adrian Melchiori Cooperative board-gaming at its best. Your village is under seige from a seemingly endless stream of ghosts and ghouls – can you survive and protect it long enough to defeat Wu-Feng, the Lord of Nine Hells?	11am
			Meet and Greet If you're new to Continuum, or just feeling sociable, come along and meet some new people.				
12pm	Guest of Honour Speech N.K. Jemisin						12pm
1pm	<i>Lunch break</i>		Book Launch: Gamer's Rebellion George Ivanoff, Paul Collins Author George Ivanoff and Guest of Honour Paul Collins launch George's new YA novel, Gamer's Rebellion, published by Paul's company Ford Street Publishing.	<i>Lunch break</i>			1pm
						Games Room Board and card games provided – or bring your own!	
2pm	The Heroines of YA Sue Burstynski, Amanda Elliott, Richard Harland, Amanda Pillar, David Witteveen Hermione Granger, Katniss Everdeen ... Bella Swann? There are a lot of heroic women in YA these days. Who stands out? Do they have to be role models?	How Do You Find That Next Book? PRK, Nicole Canal, Briony Davis, Aidan Doyle, Danny Fahey How do modern readers find books? We used to go into a bookstore and browse, but bookstores are disappearing.	Author Signings Paul Collins, N. K. Jemisin	Kids: Design a Super Liz Barr Australia needs its own superheroes! Help design and name a hero and heroine for the land down under!			2pm
3pm	Fighting Like A Girl Lucy Baker, Nicole Canal, Jason Franks, Tor Roxburgh, Darren Sanderson The last few years have brought us a new generation of female action heroines. Is the feisty female protagonist satisfying the contemporary feminist audience?	Podcast: The Writer and the Critic N. K. Jemisin, Kirstyn McDermott, Ian Mond The Writer and the Critic is a monthly podcast devoted mostly to speculative fiction books, reviews and the odd bit of idle gossip. Featuring Ian Mond, Kirstyn McDermott and Guest of Honour N. K. Jemisin.		Kids: Monster Sock Puppets Stephanie Lai Transform ordinary, every day socks into HIDEOUS MONSTERS! (Note: some socks may be pretty monstrous to start with.)			3pm
4pm	Melbourne's YA Novellists Sue Burstynski, Paul Collins, George Ivanoff, Amie Kaufman, Michael Pryor Melbourne is overflowing with talent, but we're especially blessed with lots of YA writers. Come and see them talk about their work, and how Melbourne influences their writing.			Kids: Zombie School Nicole Canal, Amanda Elliott Learn how to look like a zombie, how to walk like a zombie and generally how to feast on the brains of the living in style.			4pm

SATURDAY LATE

	Foyer	Harmony Room	
5pm	<i>Dinner break and Maskobalo setup</i>		5pm
6pm			6pm
7pm			7pm
8pm	Costume Parade <small>Judged by our Guests of Honour</small>	Break-out Room	8pm
	Maskobalo		
9pm			9pm
10pm			10pm
11pm			11pm

FAN FUND AUCTION

Fan Funds are a way of establishing and assisting closer links between national SFF cons. Australia has a rich tradition of Fan Funds, including NAFF, which sends fans to Natcons in different states, and DUFF, the Down Under Fan Fund, which moves fans between Australia and North America. These Fan Funds would not be possible without the tireless efforts by their administrators, and through various fundraising efforts such as a series of auctions held at Australian cons! If you have something to donate to the Fan Fund Auction, please bring it to the registration desk before the auction. And thanks for your donation!

NEWBS

If you’re new to Continuum or don’t know anybody, check out Continuum 101 on Friday night/Saturday morning, hosted meals or the Meet & Greet sessions.

Wriggle out of your old wings, shed your shattered skin, and show your new face at the Maskobalo on a night of transformation.

Is your fur cramped under your clothes? Is your tail (are your tails) twisted out of sight? Are you a robot in disguise? Pull away your reporter’s clothes and glitter in the sunlight and reveal all to the audiences of the Maskobalo.

Maskobalo is free for Continuum 9 members or just \$15 cash at the door for non-members, so dress in your twisty transformed best and get ready to begin the beguine with DJ Mitch.

Photo opportunity and costume awards from 8:00pm; dancefloor opens at 8:30pm. The Maskobalo will have a cash bar.

Best costume wins 2 tickets to the Goblin Ball (www.thegoblinball.com)! Other costumes may win edible things and other prizes.

Rules (these make it fun for everyone)

Your costume must not be made or trimmed with messy substances, as these can damage other entrants’ costumes. You may not use anything wet, oily, or dusty such as wet paint, powder or unfixed sparkle. The same goes for poorly-set or sticky colouring and sharp, pointy or rough finishes that may become snagged.

No live animals will be allowed in the Maskobalo. For our purposes, guide dogs and other animals trained to assist a disabled person are considered to be people and will be allowed.

FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY

The Friday Night Cocktail Party is a Continuum tradition. Lounge suits and cocktail dresses are not required, but if you felt like dressing up (maybe with a *genre flair*) we totally encourage you.

MEALTIME MEETUPS

We’ll be hosting lunch on both Saturday and Sunday if you’d like to come along & get to know people. The new, the old and the timeless welcome. RSVP to the registration desk by 11am, so that we can let the restaurant know, and meet us at the registration desk right on 1pm!

MASKOBALO Transformations

SUNDAY EARLY

	Earth Room	Fire Room	Foyer	Harmony Room	Sun Sphere	Water Room		
10am				Panelbending Liz Barr, Moya Carroll, Zoe Holmes, Darren Sanderson Avatar: the Last Airbender displayed a level of sophistication not often found in American cartoons for tweens. Discuss.		Games Room Board and card games provided – or bring your own!	10am	
	The Resurgence of the Costume Drama Alison Goodman, Stephanie Lai, Dee Pirko, Paul Poulton	Still Stranger Than Fiction Hespa, Michelle Goldsmith, Gareth Hodges, Ben McKenzie Based on the success of last year's panel, we take another look at weird creature that really exist and why fictional aliens and monsters don't have nothin' on these beasties.		Astronomy and Astrophysics Tsana Dolichva From the very big to the very small.				
11am	Costume dramas on the small screen are back in force. But it's not just all Downton Abbey. Are they beating a dead horse? Are they a fascinating look at a bygone era?			Plot 101 Trudi Canavan, Richard Harland, Amanda Pillar, David Witteveen Tangled in your own story? Plotting can be a challenge even for the most experienced author. Learn some tricks and tips from the professionals here.	Genderbending Lucy Baker, Liz Barr, Rachel Holkner Rule 63: "For any given male character, there is a female version." And usually, fandom itself has created her. We take a look at depictions and subversions of gender and femininity in rule 63 fanworks!	Game Demo: Small World Hespa This world ain't big enough for the both of us! Pick your race and special power and get ready to carve out your place in a fantasy land that just isn't quiet big enough for everyone.	11am	
12pm	Guest of Honour Speech Paul Collins						12pm	
1pm	<i>Lunch break</i>		Book Launch: Song of the Slums Richard Harland, Cat Sparks Richard Harland launches his new novel, Song of the Slums.	Author Signings Paul Collins, N. K. Jemisin	<i>Lunch break</i>			Games Room Board and card games provided – or bring your own!
2pm								
3pm	The Devil in the Details Pete Aldin, Tsana Dolichva, Richard Harland How does a Universal Translator actually work? How could Conan Doyle put an entire desert on the wrong side of Salt Lake City? And does any of this really matter?			Readings Jane Routley, David Witteveen, George Ivanoff, Jack Dann, Narrelle Harris, Ander Louis, Tim Hehir	Crime and Fantasy PRK, Alison Goodman, Narrelle Harris From vampire assassins to wizard private eyes to undead thugs, crime has been mixing it up with fantasy for years. What is it about crime, noir and the paranormal that's so appealing?		3pm	
4pm					Racebending and [race]face in the 21st Century Liz Barr, N. K. Jemisin, Stephanie Lai The Last Airbender, Cloud Atlas, Earthsea, book covers that portray characters of colour as white. Why do they keep doing this? And why doesn't it ever go the other way?			We Do This Stuff So You Can Write About It Hespa, Steve Cameron, Trudi Canavan, Tsana Dolichva, Amanda Elliott, Lisa Lagergren, Amanda Pillar What does a park ranger actually do? How do traditional handicrafts actually feel? What's it like to cross swords?
	Podcast: Splendid Chaps Ben McKenzie, John Richards							

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5pm	Podcast: Splendid Chaps (cont.) In this very special edition of the Splendid Chaps podcast, Ben, John and Petra will be joined by guests to discuss surprises in Doctor Who. From leaked torrents to give-away titles, from shock deaths to surprise guests, Who has done it all. So do spoilers ruin everything? Are cliff-hangers an integral part of the show? And just how important is plot, anyway?			Readings (cont.)	Historical Realism in Fantasy Alison Goodman, Amanda Pillar, Paul Poulton, Jane Routley, Darren Sanderson What do fantasy authors tend to get right and wrong, and does it matter anyway when they're throwing magic into the mix?	Workshop: Writing Sex and Intimacy Narrelle Harris Scenes involving sex and intimacy are an important tool for writers, even in books unrelated to romance and erotica, but they can be difficult to create. 18+ only.	5pm
6pm	<i>Dinner break</i>		Book Launch: Caution: Contains Small Parts Talie Helene, Kirstyn McDermott, Jason Nahrung Twelfth Planet Press presents the launch of CAUTION: CONTAINS SMALL PARTS by Kirstyn McDermott and BLOOD AND DUST by Jason Nahrung.	<i>Dinner break</i>		Games Room Board and card games provided – or bring your own!	6pm
7pm	Deeper Than Swords David McDonald, Ben McKenzie, Jane Routley, Darren Sanderson The Panel of Ice and Fire!	Spacetime and Spaceships Tsana Dolichva, Gareth Hodges, Adrian Melchiori Space! The final frontier. These are the voyages of the panelship Astroprise. It's Continuum mission: to seek out new questions and new civilised discussion.		The Lurker Panel Liz Barr, Moya Carroll, Zoe Holmes, Caitlin Noble, Dee Pirko We give a lot of attention in fandom to people who make a lot of noise, but what about the quiet types? What are the easily-overlooked contributions of lurkers?	Gestalt Publishing Trevor Clark An exciting new force in the comics industry.		7pm
8pm	SFQI Narrelle Harris, George Ivanoff, Ben McKenzie, John Richards, Grant Watson A distinctly spec fic take on the legendary comedy panel game show, QI.	50 Shades of Reinterpretation Kathryn Andersen, Lucy Baker, N. K. Jemisin, Kirsty Sculler Fan fiction, fan art and even fan films – is this just borrowing someone else's ideas, or is it an artform?		Presentation: Year of the Geek Jason Groves Hear the creators talk about the project.	Zombies Go Mainstream Gareth Hodges, Adrian Melchiori, Darren Sanderson Walking Dead, I Am Legend, World War Z... Much like superheroes, zombies have lurched, groaning, into the public eye.		8pm
9pm	Trailer Park Mitch, Paul Poulton The best part of going to the movies is the trailers! Get a big-screen look at upcoming films here!	Theory of Magic N. K. Jemisin, Jason Nahrung, Darren Sanderson, Elaine Walker Unlike future science, which is often seen as needing to be systematic and coherently explained, magic can be a source of mystery, random and inexplicable.		Speculative Fiction, Craft and Shifting Gender Roles Kathryn Andersen, Lucy Baker, Jane Routley So, only boys like science fiction, right? But only girls like craft. So where is all this SF craft coming from anyway?!	Thinking Outside the Genre Lindy Cameron, Alison Goodman, Richard Harland, Narrelle Harris Once you've written in one genre, are you doomed to remain there for the rest of your career? Our panellists discuss how they've been able to write across borders.		9pm
10pm	Screening: Star Wars Uncut The call went out for people to recreate 15 second clips from Star Wars: A New Hope — and this acclaimed fan production was the result.	Better Than They Have Any Right to Be Elaine Cuyegkeng, Aidan Doyle, N. K. Jemisin, Brendan Podger, John Samuel Anime that works, even though on paper it looks like it shouldn't.		Spooky Stories Jason Franks, Richard Harland, Talie Helene, Robert Hood, Kirstyn McDermott, Jason Nahrung Ready to shiver in your seat? Find out what scares the scare-masters, when (mostly) horror authors read from their own favourite scary stories.	Inside Lewis Carroll's Mirror: Warehouse 13 PRK, Alison Goodman, Paul Poulton, Elaine Walker Join fans of this excellent series as they discuss these and many other questions about the show.		10pm
11pm					The Vid Show Liz Barr An overview of fanvids recent and classic. (Note: may contain spoilers for various series, violence, coarse language, etc.)		11pm

MONDAY

	Earth Room	Fire Room	Foyer	Harmony Room	Sun Sphere	Water Room		
10am	Stepping on Butterflies Kathryn Andersen, Eliza Bentley, Russell Blackford, Paul Poulton, Dirk Strasser Time travel! From twins at light speed to doctors in police boxes, a look at all the ways one might journey through the fourth dimension.				Dark YA Sue Burstynski, Richard Harland, Ander Louis, Amanda Pillar Children's stories have always been dark — just look at the Brothers Grimm! (And their versions cleaned up traditional folk tales!) Putting dark YA lit in a wider context.	Games Room Board and card games provided – or bring your own!	10am	
11am	Watching the New Who Kathryn Andersen, Liz Barr, Narrelle Harris, Ben McKenzie, John Richards What's it like to be a longtime Doctor Who fan comparing the original and new series? And what's it like to have discovered the doctor through Eccleston and Tennant?	So You Want to Get Published Paul Collins, George Ivanoff, Amie Kaufman, Jason Nahrung, Dirk Strasser An introduction to getting short stories and novels published in the contemporary market.			Sanctuary PRK, Dee Pirko, Darren Sanderson, Elaine Walker Trace Canadian SF series Sanctuary from its beginning as a web distributed miniseries to its transformation into a more conventional tv series, to its eventual cancellation.		11am	
12pm	The Intergalactic Atlas Part III Grant Watson For the past two years, Grant Watson has tracked the production of British science fiction television from its foundations. In this instalment he looks at the programmes made in the 1980s.	Misappropriations Jason Franks, Nalini Haynes, N. K. Jemisin, Stephanie Lai, David Witteveen How should you approach the portrayal of cultures other than your own? What should be avoided? Who does it well?		Workshop: Juggling David Cook Want to learn to juggle or just improve your skills? Come pretend you're in the circus!	Evolving Beyond Gender and Sexuality Russell Blackford, Dorian Ellis, Kirstyn McDermott, Darren Sanderson Can and should speculative fiction go further in exploring other experiences or conceptions of gender, sexuality, trans-sexuality or post-sexuality?		12pm	
1pm								1pm
<i>Lunch break</i>								
2pm	Rise of the Dystopia Russell Blackford, Sue Burstynski, Tsana Dolichva, Jay Kristoff Is Gene Roddenberry's harmonious, technologically advanced future a thing of the past?	Tolkien vs Jackson Kathryn Andersen, Richard Harland, David McDonald, Paul Poulton From the animated Hobbit to the Peter Jackson and 48 frames per second, a discussion of films based on the books of J.R.R. Tolkien.			Feedback Panel Hespa, Liz Barr, Stephanie Lai, Julia Svaganovic How did you enjoy Continuum? What did we do well, and what can we do better? Come let us know!			2pm
3pm	Adventures in Book Reviewing Liz Barr, Sue Burstynski, Michelle Goldsmith Authors behaving badly, reviewer biases, the ethics of reviewing friends (or enemies!).	F*** Your Knight and the Horse He Rode In On Richard Harland, N. K. Jemisin, Jason Nahrung, Jane Routley, Tor Roxburgh Going beyond the Tolkienesque quest, the Hero's Journey and the pseudo-medieval European setting.			Lost Girl: Choosing Not To Choose m1k3y, Dee Pirko, Paul Poulton A supernatural crime drama focusing on the monsters rather than the humans, Lost Girl has made a big impression over the last three years.			3pm
4pm							4pm	
	Closing Ceremony							