

ConCertino 2012

The Twenty-Second Floating Northeast Filk Music Convention

June 29-July 1, 2012

Guests of Honor

Playing Rapunzel

Mich Sampson and Marilisa Valtazanou

Toastmasters

Partners in K'Rhyme

Randy Hoffman and Kira Heston

Songwriter Guest

Ariel Cinií

Interfilk Guest

Peggi Warner-Lalonde

**Concerts, workshops, song contest, open filks, food,
friends, fun, and singing late into the night!**

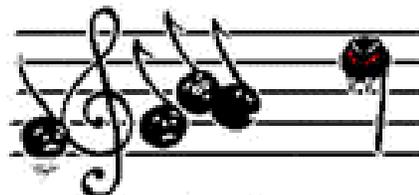
Held at a New Location:

The Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA, Phone 978-263-8701

ConCertino room rate **\$99.00** + tax /1-4 people/room/night



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Our Guests of Honor

Playing Rapunzel is an energetic musical duo who share songs of story and myth. Mich Sampson is a lively East Londoner. Classically trained in piano and voice, in her day job she works as a choir director. Marilisa Valtazanou was born in Iowa, raised in Greece and now lives in London. She celebrates her multinational background by having a song in an obscure language for practically every occasion. In addition to voice and guitar she has also been known to play mandola, flutes, percussion, and even electric double bass. They have gone through a lot of changes since we invited them to come to ConCertino 2012. In the past year Mich became engaged (and is soon to be wed), and Marilisa gave birth to a boy in January. We are very happy for them. We are also very happy that with all the changes in their lives they are still coming to be our Guests of Honor.

Toastmasters

Partners in K'Rhyme is Randy Hoffman and Kira Heston. Coming to us from southwestern Pennsylvania, both have been active in the fannish community for a number of years. As a team they are engaging and entertaining, performing songs both funny and serious. They were well received at Consonance this past March, where they performed as Interfilk guests. When not on stage they each are quite active in the running of Confluence, Pittsburgh's Literary Sci-Fi Convention.

Songwriter Guest

Ariel "Abby" Cinii has been part of fandom for over 30 years as a filker, writer, and artist. Her filks have graced many fannish publications and songbooks. She is a regular member of the con committee for Contata. She writes as sodyera on LiveJournal and contributes to APA-NYU, a local Amateur Press Association. She's also looking for loving homes (i.e., publishers) for her series of science-fantasy novels based on the planet of her past-life recall.

Interfilk Guest

Our Interfilk Guest is Peggi Warner-Lalonde. Some of you out there may be thinking, "Who is that? I never heard of her." That is the purpose of Interfilk, to bring performers well known in one region to another region where they are less well known. Peggi is an active member of the United Filkers of Ontario (not to be confused with the Utah Filk Organization), and is a frequent con com member for FilKONtario, as well as Juror for the Filk Hall Of Fame. With all that keeping her busy she often doesn't have time to perform at her own con, but those who have heard her at housefilks can attest that she is a lovely singer.

Memberships

Pre-Reg Memberships are US \$50 until June 1, 2012 and will be US \$60 at the door. Premier Memberships are \$100, and will include special recognition and extras. Children 6 and under (in-tow) are free. Children 7-12 are \$10 (Youth rate) and do not receive publications. Supporting memberships: \$20, include progress report and program book, and can be converted to attending by paying the difference in price.

The Hotel

We are at a new hotel! ConCertino 2012 will be at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough, MA. The address is 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719. The phone number is 978 - 263 - 8701. The room rate is US\$99/night (plus tax) for 1 to 4 people. When making reservations use the group code FIL. The room block closes June 7, 2012.

Volunteers

We are now less than two months till ConCertino 2012. The Con Com is excitedly gearing up for the con, and I'm sure many of you are as excited as we are. A great way to share that excitement is to volunteer. We are looking for people to help out in many areas: Registration, Dealers room, Consuite, Sound, Setup and Cleanup. According to one of our registration volunteers from a previous ConCertino: "It is a great job if you are new to ConCertino, because everyone comes up to you and introduces themselves." To volunteer please contact [chair\[at\]concertino\[dot\]net](mailto:chair[at]concertino[dot]net)

Songbook

Please submit your songs for the ConCertino 2012 Songbook to [songbook2012\[at\]concertino\[dot\]net](mailto:songbook2012@concertino.net) as soon as possible. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2012.

Song Contest

By now many of you will have heard that there were predictions that the world will end in 2012. We on the ConCertino 2012 Con Com are skeptics, so for this year's song contest the theme is "Not the end of the world." To be eligible songs must not have been written before Contata 6 (July 1, 2011).

Opportunities to perform

In addition to open filking, there will be one-shots, 2x10's, and other participatory performance formats (say that ten times fast!) that give you the chance to perform on our main stage. Please sign up at registration as slots will be limited.

Dealers' Room

We will have a Dealers' Room at ConCertino 2012. If you are interested in being a dealer, we still have space available (as of the writing of this), please contact [dealers\[at\]concertino\[dot\]net](mailto:dealers@concertino.net)

Programming

ConCertino 2012 will feature a wide variety of fantastic filk programming, including concerts by our guests and others, performers' circles, workshops, theme circles, and lots and lots of open filking. As a surprise bonus (we were surprised) ConCertino 2012 will have a concert by Urban Tapestry.

Interfilk Auction

Once again, there will be a superlatively entertaining Auction to raise funds for our beloved Interfilk, featuring the infamous Interfilk Wenches. Said Auction will be held on Saturday, time TBD. Donations of items will be gratefully received and displayed in the Dealers' Room. Auction forms will be available at registration. Please tag your item with your name and suggested retail value, as well as a starting bid. The live auction will run for one hour; bidding for the silent auction will close at 1 pm on Sunday.

Directions To Hotel

The Holiday Inn Boxborough is located just off Interstate 495 at Exit 28. The address is 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719.

BY CAR

From local areas: Find your best route to I-495. If coming off 495 South, turn right at the exit and then cross over the highway; if coming off 495 North, turn left. Take the next right onto Adams Place. Follow it almost to the end; the Holiday Inn will be on the left. There is lots of free parking.

From the more distant south and west: Find your best route to I-90 east. There are two options from here:

1. Take Exit 10 to I-290 North. Follow 290 all the way to the end and exit left onto 495 North. Follow the "from local areas" directions above. This is shorter but goes through the middle of Worcester.
2. Take Exit 11A onto I-495 North and follow the "from local areas" directions above. This is longer but may avoid heavy traffic during peak hours.

COMMUTER RAIL

The hotel is about five miles from South Action Station on the MBTA Fitchburg commuter rail line. There are frequent trains through the weekend. The schedule is at (http://www.mbt.com/schedules_and_maps/rail/lines/?route=FITCHBRG&direction=O&timing=W). There is a shuttle from the station to the hotel; you have to notify the hotel in advance of when you'll be arriving.

BY TRAIN OR BUS

Most trains and buses to Boston go to South Station. The commuter rail line, unfortunately, leaves from North Station. Your best connection is to take the subway. Take the Red Line in the direction of Alewife (inbound) to Downtown Crossing, which is the first stop. Go upstairs to the Orange Line in the direction of Oak Grove and get off at North Station, which is the third stop. After exiting the turnstiles go through a tunnel and then up the stairs or escalator to the street; North Station will be right in front of you. There are elevators in the subway stations and a ramp to get into North Station.

Alternatively, you can take the Red Line from South Station to Porter Square, but the elevator is out of service and will still be as of ConCertino. There's an escalator, but if that doesn't work for you, it's a LONG stairway (117 steps).

MBTA tickets go by the somewhat ominous names of "Charlie Card" and "Charlie Ticket." If you aren't a regular commuter you probably want a "Charlie Ticket," which can't be refilled but doesn't carry an initial cost, for the subway. This is currently \$2.00 each way (free transfers within the subway) and may go up before ConCertino. You can buy the tickets with cash or credit cards at the machines.

Commuter rail tickets are still checked manually, so you have to buy a separate ticket for the train. You'll need a Zone 6 ticket for South Acton. That costs \$6.75 each way and may go up before ConCertino.

BY AIR

Boston is served by Logan Airport. The best way to connect to the transit system from there is to take the Silver Line, which is an express bus line. The Silver Line bus stops at all terminals and goes to South Station. At South Station go downstairs to the Red Line level (free transfer, you're already behind the turnstile) and follow the directions for the subway above.

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I look forward to seeing (and hearing) you there.

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