

ConCertino 2018

The Twenty-Eighth Floating Northeast Filk Music Convention

June 29 - July 1, 2018

Guest of Honor

Cecília Eng

Toastmaster

Errol Elumír

Fan Guest

Filthy Pierre

(Erwin S. Strauss)

Interfilk Guest

Gabrielle Gold

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

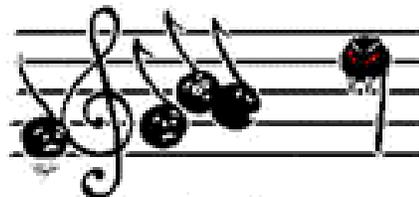
ConCertino Will be Held At:

The Holiday Inn Boston-Dedham, Dedham, MA, Phone 781-329-1000

ConCertino room rate **\$115.00** + tax (1-4 people/room/night)



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Our Guest of Honor

Cecilia Eng has been a vital part of the Pacific Northwest filk community for many years. Her welcoming smile and hearty laugh have lit up many a circle and her songs can bring a smile to your face, haunt you, push you to read a series you have never heard of before, and encourage your dreams all at the same time. Her songs range from the serious "Welcome Home", her tribute to John Glenn, to the humorous "Passion Flower", about Mr. Sulu and the man-eating alien columbine. She has collaborated as a performer, arranger, and songwriter with many other filk artists, including Mercedes Lackey, Heather Alexander, and Michael Longcor. She may downplay how amazing she is for the filk community, but I promise you, you will be a believer after meeting her and hearing her music.

Toastmaster

Errol Elumir is a web comic artist and a puzzle designer who loves writing silly music. He first learned of Filk through the FAWM.org forums, and the thought of a convention dedicated to writing music about geeky topics intrigued Errol and he signed up immediately. In 2011, he joined up with Debs Linden to form the duo Debs & Errol, where they had the amazing opportunity to meet with many filkers. After they retired in 2015, Errol has been enjoying a quiet life of creating large scale, theatrical, escape events. You can find more about him on his daily web comic <http://myneighborerrol.com>.

Fan Guest

Erwin S. (Filthy Pierre) Strauss got into fandom at MIT in the mid-1960s. He has published numerous fannish publications, including the "Index to the SF Magazines 1951-1965," the MIT SF Society's collection of underground campus songs, "The Complete Guide to Science Fiction Conventions", the SF Conventional Calendar for Asimov's SF, and the Microfilk (a compendium of filksongs in RIDICULOUSLY TINY TYPE). He's in the Filk Hall of Fame, has received the Big Heart service award, is a NESFA Fellow, and received a Special Noreascon Four Award for contributions to the fan community. He can be recognized by his iridescent "Filthy Pierre" badge, and his mouth-powered organ.

Interfilk Guest

Gabrielle Gold has been singing, writing filk, and attending fan conventions for over ten years. She discovered filking at an early 2000's Marcon in Columbus, Ohio, and has never looked back. The filk community has given her a place to land, and she is eternally grateful. She won second place in the 2012 OVFF Songwriting Contest and went on to record the entry as a single under the Indianapolis-based Dragon Scale Studios. When she found out she had been Interfilked, there was much neeping. Her current favorite topics to write songs about are mythology, folklore, and anything to do with stars or plant life.

Memberships

Full weekend memberships are US \$65 until **June 1, 2018**. The at-the-door price is TBD, but will be higher. Premier Memberships are \$150, and include special recognition and extras. Children 6 and under (in-tow) are free, Children 7-12 (inclusive) are \$15, and Children/Young Adults 13-24 (inclusive) are \$45. Children 12 and under do not receive publications. Supporting memberships are \$25, include copies of the progress report and program book, and can be converted to full memberships by paying the difference in price. A registration form can be found on the ConCertino website, as well as a PayPal link. (Note PayPal may charge a small transaction fee.)

For members from outside the US who don't normally have US dollars on hand, ConCertino will allow you to get a membership at the pre-registration rate, and then pay that rate in US dollars at the Con. Just print out and fill in the registration form and mail it to the address listed by the pre-registration deadline. Please remember that this is a firm commitment to come to the Con.

The Hotel

ConCertino 2018 has a new hotel – the Holiday Inn Boston-Dedham, 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026. The phone number is (781) 329-1000. The room rate is US \$115/night (plus tax) for 1 to 4 people. When making reservations use the group code CCR. The room block closes **May 31, 2018**. The hotel has free surface parking, and

shuttle service to the Dedham Corporate Center MBTA commuter rail station. The shuttle runs based on availability, Monday-Friday up to 10pm. The on-site restaurant, Bamboo, serves lunch and dinner, and the Breakfast Nook provides a daily breakfast buffet. There are many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

Volunteers

ConCertino 2018 is a little under three months away, and the Con Com is excitedly gearing up for the con! We're sure many of you are equally as excited, and a great way to share that is to volunteer. We are seeking helpers for 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 [concertino2018\[at\]concertino\[dot\]net](mailto:concertino2018@concertino.net).

Programming

ConCertino 2018 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. Sign-ups for one-shots, 2x10's, and other participatory events that give you the chance to perform on our main stage will be available at registration; slots will be limited. Anyone interested in running a workshop or hosting a theme circle should contact [program2018\[at\]concertino\[dot\]net](mailto:program2018@concertino.net).

Our con hotel is on Ariadne Road, and Ariadne is the heroine of the original Greek story of the Labyrinth, without whom Theseus wouldn't have had a clue. So look forward to program items featuring myths, mazes, clues, escapes, and spools of thread.

Interfilk Auction

Once again, our friends from Interfilk will be on hand to auction off music, chocolate, jewelry and other goodies to raise funds to bring fine folks like Gabrielle to ConCertino and other filk cons. Donations of items will be gratefully received and displayed in the Dealers' Room. Items receiving enough bids will go to the fabulous Voice Auction, featuring the infamous Interfilk Wenches. So donate, bid early, and bid often!

Songbook

The ConCertino 2018 program book will include a songbook section. Songs can be to existing or original tunes, and be accompanied with chords or notated (sheet) music. Songs on all filk-related topics (which means pretty much anything) are welcome. We can even transcribe notated music for you from a recording.

Please submit your songs to [songbook2018\[at\]concertino\[dot\]net](mailto:songbook2018@concertino.net) as soon as possible, especially if you are interested in a transcription. The deadline for submissions is May 21, 2018.

Song Contest

ConCertino 2018's song contest theme is "**Clues**". To be eligible, songs must have been written after NEFilk 27 / Contata 2017 (June 25, 2017). All songs must be performed during the song contest. Entries must be submitted in written form, either prior to or just after performance.

Dealers

We will have a Dealers' Room at ConCertino 2018. Dealers' rates for ConCertino 2018 are \$25 per table with a limit of 2 tables per dealer. As the space for our Dealers' Room is cozy, dealers may also operate out of their hotel rooms for an additional \$25 per room. In addition to music, past vendors have included books and jewelry. Whether purchasing space in the Dealers' Room or dealing out of their hotel room, dealers must hold a membership in ConCertino and must also have a Massachusetts tax ID.

Interested dealers should please contact concertino2018[at]concertino[dot]net. Dealers can pay for tables by PayPal at treasurer[at]massfilc[dot]org or by sending a check to Ellen Kranzer at the MASSFILC contact address.

Directions to Hotel

The Holiday Inn Boston-Dedham is located just off Interstate 95 at Exit 15. The address is 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham MA 02026.

BY CAR

From local areas: Find your best route to I-95 and take it to Exit 15. Exit towards MA Route 1A/Dedham and merge onto Boston-Providence Highway. Make the first left on Elm Street. Elm goes about 1000 feet and ends at Washington Street. Turn left on Washington Street, then left on Ariadne Road. The hotel will be on the right.

From the more distant south and west, there are two options:

1. Find your best route to I-90 East. Take I-90 to Exit 14 and exit right towards N.H./Maine/I-95/MA-128/S. Shore. Stay right to continue on I-95 South/MA-128 South. Then follow "From local areas" directions above.
2. Find your best route to I-95 North. As you approach Exit 12, stay in the left two lanes to continue on I-95 N towards Portsmouth, NH. The highway makes a loop and crosses over itself. Follow the "From local areas" directions above.

BY RAIL

The Holiday Inn is about a mile from the Dedham Corporate Center commuter rail station. The station is on the MBTA's Franklin Line, which runs between the Forge Park/495 station in Franklin and South Station in downtown Boston. Schedules can be found at <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/CR-Franklin/timetable>. The hotel has shuttle that will run, based on availability, to the rail station, Monday-Friday up to 10pm. Call the hotel to arrange a pickup.

The hotel is also just a few miles from the Route 128/University Park station, which is served by Amtrak's Northeast Corridor service (both Northeast Regional trains and Acela) and the MBTA's Providence/Stoughton Line. From the station, hail a taxi or contact your favorite ridesharing service.

BY BUS

Megabus (<https://us.megabus.com/>) runs from several cities along the I-95 corridor up to South Station. Once there, catch the MBTA Franklin Line (See BY RAIL above).

BY AIR

Boston's main airport is Logan International (BOS), which is about 23 miles from the hotel. From all terminals, you can catch the MBTA's Silver Line express bus to South Station. At South Station, catch the MBTA Franklin Line. T.F. Green International in Providence, about 46 miles away, may have cheap flights; from there one can take the MBTA Providence/Stoughton Line to the Route 128/University Park station. (See BY RAIL above.)

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