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OutlantaCon Lands in Atlanta

Convention Attracts LGBT Fans in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

ATLANTA GA – 9 April 2010 OutlantaCon, the Atlanta-based event for science fiction, fantasy and horror fan groups supporting and promoting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender themes within the genres, arrives in Atlanta later this month with a long list of speakers, events and panels. OutlantaCon's second annual convention is scheduled in Atlanta 30 April to 2 May 2010 at the Holiday Inn Select – Atlanta Perimeter.

“Science fiction and fantasy has always had a significant gay following,” stated Edward deGruy, guests liaison, OutlantaCon. “But until recently the genre has had very few if any gay characters. In the past few years, we have seen not only more diversity in supporting and lead roles in film and television, but the growth of LGBT-themed scifi and fantasy literature as well.”

A key personality making an appearance at OutlantaCon this year is action film director **J.A. Steel**, screening her latest project, “Denizen.” The film is set in a midwest town whose residents are slowly being killed by a mysterious creature. A small group of research scientists aided by local residents race against time to find and destroy the creature before the town is destroyed by a paramilitary group. The film stars Jody Mullins, Julie Lisandro, Glen Jensen, Ben Bayless, J.A. Steel and introduces Dianne Sullivan.

Steel is just the latest addition to the list of speakers already confirmed for OutlantaCon, including

- **Cecilia Tan**, erotic fantasy writer and author of “The Siren and the Sword” and “Telepaths Don’t Need Safe Words”
- **Dariek Scott**, professor of African American studies at Berkeley and author of “Traitor to the Race”
- **Andrew Greenburg**, founder of Mythic Imagination Institute and one of the original developers of “Vampire: The Masquerade”
- **J.M. McDermott**, author of “Last Dragon”
- **Eugie Foster**, author of “Sinner, Baker, Fabulist, Priest; Red Mask, Black Mask, Gentleman, Beast,” nominated for both a Nebula and a Hugo in the novelette category

- **Kiernan Kelly**, alternative romance writer and author of “Outland” and “Dancing on the Head of a Pin”
- **Kayelle Allen**, writer of erotic science fiction romance and author of “The Surrender” trilogy

Also included on the program are a wide variety of night time events, including

- “**Syrens of the South**,” presenting a burlesque show geared for the geek audience
- “**Match Game**,” a new version of the hit 80s game show pitting a panel of OutlantaCon’s guest speakers against members of the studio audience
- “**Project Cosplay**,” with guest hosts Heidi Plume and Tim’s Gun leading a team of designers to create a new look for a group of volunteer models

For the most current list of speakers and events, visit www.outlantacon.org.

About OutlantaCon

Atlanta-based OutlantaCon is the southeast’s largest event for science fiction, fantasy and horror fan groups supporting and promoting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender themes within the genres. Held annually in the spring, the convention last year attracted over 200 registrants. For more information, visit www.outlantacon.org.

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