

OUTLANTACON

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
10 February 2010

Press contact: Kris Harter
pr@outlantacon.org
404-403-9902

OutLantaCon Celebrates Gay Geekdom in Atlanta

Actress/Filmmaker J.A. Steel Highlights Growing List of Convention Speakers

ATLANTA GA – 10 February 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, announced today the addition of actress and filmmaker J.A. Steel to its list of convention guests. OutLantaCon's second annual convention is scheduled in Atlanta 30 April to 2 May 2010 at the Holiday Inn Select – Atlanta Perimeter.

“The second OutLantaCon is shaping up to be an even bigger success than the first one,” stated Edward deGruy, head of programming, OutLantaCon. “We are honored that J.A. Steel has accepted the invitation to join the event as this impressive list of speakers continues to grow.”

One of the few female action film directors in Hollywood and one of the first western women to study the art of Muay Thai kickboxing in Thailand, Steel rocked the film and music industry in 1999 with her first feature “The Third Society.” Steel drew on her experience in working on at least two dozen other feature films to write, direct, produce, edit and musically supervise the 35mm film released by Warrior Entertainment in 2003.

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

- Nicola Griffith, author of novels “Stay” and “Always”
- 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”
- Kelley Eskridge, screenwriter, essayist and author of *New York Times* Notable Book “Solitaire”
- 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, 2009 Author of the Year from Bards and Sages and author of “Returning My Sister’s Face and Other Far Eastern Tales of Whimsy and Malice”

- 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

OutLantaCon has more guests in negotiations; 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.

#