As we open the doors for the first-ever GeekGirlCon, we signify October 8, 2011 as a landmark day for geeks. Created by geeky women for geeky women, GeekGirlCon strives to serve a diverse spectrum of geeks and nerds. You may be a Trek fanatic; an amazing fx artist; a Linux coder; a scientist, mad or otherwise; a hardcore gamer; a fanfic writer; a LARPer; a genre reader; or a casual fan of something geeky. All self-identified geeks are welcome here to honor and celebrate the contributions and interests of women geeks—regardless of gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, alien species, number of twitter followers, or other identifier heaped upon us by society.

So come on in and let yourself bask in the geekiness. Learn something new and meet someone new. GeekGirlCon, the event, may happen just once a year, but we’re creating a network and community to support us the rest of the year. As Sarah Conner says, “There is no fate, but what we make.” We can change the landscape for geek girls, and it starts now. By adding your unique geekery, you have helped make this dream a reality.

Enjoy your time here now and watch for exciting news about the 2012 con and all our other events happening throughout the year!

Live Long and Prosper,
Erica McGillivray
GeekGirlCon President

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- Girls Against Girls: Why We Are Mean to Each Other and How We Can Change
- The Star Wars Craft Book

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Belle: Author & Scientist
- Lightning Merriemouse Jones Stories
- Wicked

GREG RUCKA
Author
- Queen and Country
- Whiteout
- Wonder Woman
- The Punisher

MARIAN CALL
Musician & Composer
- Got to Fly
- Something Fierce vol. II (upcoming)

CHASE MASTERSON
Actor, Producer & Singer
- Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
- Terminal Invasion
- Sometimes They Come Back for More

GAIL SIMONE
Author
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- Birds of Prey
- Secret Six

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Portrait of an Adoption Blog
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**SUNDAY PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS**

10:00-11:00 AM

(Lopez)
**AVATAR SECRETS TO REAL LIFE AND LOVE**
Ramona Pringle, multi-platform producer and digital journalist, explores how online gaming can teach us about life and love away from the keyboard. Ramona shows you how to harness in-game survival wisdom to help you nurture your unique strengths, form meaningful bonds, and live the epic life you deserve.

(Fidalgo)
**A CAREER AS A LADY CODER**
Get the real truth about being a coder in today’s economy and gender climate. Know how to present yourself to your colleagues and how to show your skills to an interviewer without triggering common preconceptions. Learn from the panel’s experience at Microsoft, Amazon, Google, and other companies. Panelists: Tarah Wheeler Van Vlack (moderator), Liz Dahlstrom, Qian Yi, Vanessa Pacheco

(EMP JBL Theater)
**STAR TREK AND BEYOND WITH CHASE MASTERS**
Chase Masterson talks about her 5-year role as Leeta “the Dabo Girl” on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, and how she has leveraged that job into a 16-year career as an actress, jazz singer, and producer. She also discusses the ways genre fandoms reach out to those numbers for your blog?

(EMP Learning Labs)
**HOW TO OWN THE MEDIA: ZINE MAKING 101**
Mimi Marinucci, Associate Professor of Women’s & Gender Studies and Philosophy at Eastern Washington University, gives a brief explanation and history of zines as an important feminist alternative to mainstream print media. Get practical advice for making your own zines and learn about resources like zine libraries, including one in downtown Spokane.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

(Lopez)
**STAR TREK: THEN AND NOW**
Every generation reframes stories to make them relevant for a modern audience. In the sixties, Star Trek presented a diverse vision of the future. Hello Earth Productions explores if this vision is still relevant, how sci-fi stories have been updated, and how the portrayal of women is perceived by fans and professionals in these stories. Panelists: Kris Hambrick and Joy DeLyria

(Fidalgo)
**LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE WORLD OF LOLCATS, FAILS, AND OTHER BLUNDERS**
Lern frum teh best! Emily Huh, Editor in Chief of Cheezburger, shares her insights on how she and her husband grew one LOLCat into one of the largest blog networks in the world getting 16 million visits every month. Wouldn’t you love those numbers for your blog?

(EMP JBL Theater)
**BOOBIES AND BLASTERS: THE WOMEN OF STAR WARS**
Panelists delve into the Star Wars Expanded Universe changing the perception of women for a new generation of fans? Panelists: Mercedes Santaella-Lam (moderator), Misty Buxton, Deunan Berkeley, Sarah Silverman, Amy Sjoberg

(EMP Learning Labs)
**THE HEROINE: JOURNEY, CULTURE, AND NARRATIVE**
The role of the heroine in a patriarchal society is fraught with pitfalls. Panelists address the historical position of WWII action heroine Claudette Colbert, the complexities of the warrior woman in genre media, the heroine’s journey in anime and RPG, and the non-heterosexual world of Wonder Woman’s Themyscira. Bring your questions! Panelists: Haviva Avirom (moderator), Sara Freeman, Catherine Bailey, and Erin Lovejoy-Guron

12:00-1:00 PM

(Lopez)
**FEMINISM, RACE, AND GEEK CULTURE: PERSPECTIVES FROM WOMEN OF COLOR**
These feminist and anti-racist cultural commentators take a critical look at the intersection of race, gender, and other facets of personal identity in geek media and tackle issues like tokenism and white washing. The panel explores how their lived experience of race, gender, and sexuality informs their perspectives. Panelists: Regina Buenoabra (moderator), Latoya Peterson, Nina V. Reyes, Christina Xu

(Fidalgo)
**YA AUTHORS**
In writing YA fiction, these authors craft characters that are often lifelines for young adults, and even some adults, drawn to the “geeky” or who fall outside of the mainstream. Panelists will discuss writing YA for geek fans and why there are so many kick-ass female protagonists in YA. Panelists: Nancy Holder, Scott Westerfeld, Cecil Castellucci, Hope Larson

(EMP JBL Theater)
**VERY SPECIAL DUDES**
The Very Special Dudes on this panel celebrate the Geek Girl in comics, television, and journalism. These feminist and anti-racist creators and characters you never knew existed. Author Tarpé Mills’ Marla Drake, aka Miss Fury, has been described as the “grandmother that Buffy Summers and Sydney Bristow didn’t know they had” by Alex Deublin on the SuicideGirls.com. Time for a history lesson!

(Fidalgo)
**GEEKS WITH A HEART OF GOLD**
Geeks can be the change they wish to see in the world. Even small groups of geeks can make a big difference when bound by common geeky interests. Terri Hodges, from Crafting the Galaxy Blog, shares her experiences on the convening of geeks for the greater good and discusses real life examples of geek groups raising money for charities.

1:00-2:00 PM

(Lopez)
**TRINA ROBBINS ON TARPÉ MILLS AND MISS FURY**
Trina Robbins, ground-breaking herstorian and comic author, introduces you to one of the greatest female creators and characters you never knew existed. Author Tarpé Mills’ Marla Drake, aka Miss Fury, has been described as the “grandmother that Buffy Summers and Sydney Bristow didn’t know they had” by Alex Deublin on the SuicideGirls.com. Time for a history lesson!

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(EMP JBL Theater)
**ORAL HISTORY LIVE! WITH JANE ESPENSON**
An EMP Museum Ticketed Event

Battlestar Galactica writer Jane Espenson joins EMP Museum curator of Battlestar Galactica: The Exhibition, Brooks Peck, for an intimate interview. A crucial member to the BSG writing and producing team, Espenson was the executive-producer and co-writer of the Emmy-nominated BSG webisodes and an Executive Producer of the spin-off series Caprica. Espenson is also widely known for her work on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, Firefly, Warehouse 13, Game of Thrones, and Torchwood: Miracle Day.
ON WRiTiNg uRBAN fANTASy

Scott Westerfeld (moderator), Amber Rack, Sherril Holder

1:30-2:00 PM

(EMP Learning Labs)
TELL YOUR STORY THROUGH AUDIO DRAMA

The rise of the iPod culture means more demand for good listening material. Audio is a cheap alternative to getting a book deal or producing your own indie film. Panelists explain the production process and how to find legit resources like free sound effects, free music, and voice actors. **Panellists:** Julie Holverson (moderator), Gwendolyn Jensen-Woodard, Kimberly Poole, Rhys Torres-Miller, Beverly Poole

2:00-3:00 PM

(Lopez)
SCOTT WESTERFELD
Scott Westerfeld (Uglies, Midnighters) talks about his latest series, Leviathan. Though written and illustrated in the style of a “Boy’s Own Adventure,” Leviathan co-stars Deryn Sharp, a girl passing as male to serve aboard a living airship. Westerfeld discusses how boy-oriented adventure novels in the early 20th Century erased women altogether, and how he and artist Keith Thompson collaborated to update and expand the form.

(Fidalgo)
STuNT-GRRLS
Meet local stunt-girls and get the inside scoop on local resources, industry tips, and how to get your foot in the door. Also hear stories from the set and ins and outs of a day in the life of a stuntwoman. **Panelists:** Angela Johnson (moderator), Amber Rack, Sherril Johnson, Restita DeJesus, and Zee Kennedy

2:30-4:00 PM

(EMP JBL Theater)
HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE AS TOLD BY WONDER WOMAN

Watch footage from the independent documentary, History of the Universe as Told by Wonder Woman, with director Kristy Guevara-Flanagan and a panel full of experts as they examine our culture’s obsessions with superheroes. Panel explores the evolution of the representation of female empowerment. **Panellists:** Kristy Guevara-Flanagan (moderator), Gail Simone, Trina Robbins, Jennifer K. Stuller, Mike Madrid

3:00-4:00 PM

(Lopez)
CROSSPLAY 101—A GUIDE TO CROSS GENDER COSPLAY

Whether you’re new to crossplay or need tips on crossing gender in your cosplay, you found the right panel. Topics include male-to-female and female-to-male transformations, makeup, body enhancements, costume alteration, and techniques to be convincing while in character. Audience participation is encouraged! **Panellists:** Curt White and Sam Faris

(Fidalgo)
STEAMPUNK!
What would the past look like if the future had happened sooner? Steampunk! Steamy, elementaries are everywhere from art exhibits, to mainstream movies and best-selling novels. The panel gives you the latest news on the retro-futurism movement and explains why everyone is wearing goggles and a lot of brown. **Panellists:** Claire Hummel (moderator), Cherie Priest, Kaja Foglio, Belle Holder

3:30-4:30 PM

(EMP Learning Labs)
LIFE FLASHES BY: THE MAKING OF AN INDIE VIDEO GAME

Independent games, like Deirdra Kiai’s Life Flashes By, is a way for marginalized voices to tell their stories. Learn from her experiences with open source game engines, finding fantastic artists, hiring voice actors, funding your project through Kickstarter. See an interactive demo of the game where panel attendees can shout out commands!

4:00-5:00 PM

(Lopez)
CHARACTER STUDIES: GEEK GIRLS IN POPULAR CULTURE

How challenging is creating geek girl characters? Come to a panel discussion on geek girl representations in film, TV, novels, comics, and other media. How do you balance the “girl” with the “geek”? And what’s the current state of the geek girl characters in pop culture? **Panellists:** Jennifer K. Stuller (moderator), Amy Berg, Cecil Castellucci, Javier Grillo-Marcuach, Sarah Kuhn, Jessica Mills, Stephanie Thorpe

(Fidalgo)
THE DESIGNING WOMEN OF BIOWARE
Get the behind-the-scenes perspectives of women working in the fast-paced environment of game design. Learn from designers who write, edit, and create levels and cinematic animations for BioWare (Dragon Age, Mass Effect). Share in their experiences, ask questions, and find out what it takes to become a game designer. **Panellists:** Mark Baxter (moderator), Raylene Deck, Melanie Fleming, Cori May, Kris Schoneberg, Karin Weekes

4:30-5:30 PM

(EMP JBL Theater)
WOMEN IN WEBSERIES

**Simple fact:** Women are writing, producing, directing, starring, promoting, and filming web series BECAUSE THEY CAN! Panelists share the ups and downs of the webseries life and screen teasers from panelist projects. Hear what they have to say about breaking barriers, writing scripts, and casting. **Panellists:** April Grant and Shahavat Shockley (moderators),

Josephine Hoy, Glynis Mitchell, Susan Bernhardt, Jillian Clare, Vanessa Driveness, Joanna Gaskell, Tin Miller

4:30-6:00 PM

(EMP Learning Labs)
GEEKY INTERSECTIONS: GIRL CULTURE, FAN CULTURE, AND GAME CULTURE

This academic panel presents a collection of papers that trace the intersections between girl culture, fan culture, and game culture. By engaging critical modes of thinking about problems female gamers face, what it means to be a woman in fandom, and unique avenues through which women can perform fandom. **Panellists:** Alenda Chang (moderator), Ed Chang, Ariel Wetzel, Sarah Kremen-Hicks, Stevi Costa

5:00-6:00 PM

(Fidalgo)
"NO, I AM NOT A BOOTH BABE:" SEXISM IN THE VIDEO GAME INDUSTRY

The women of Crabcat Industries discuss the problems within internet fandom reinforced by the entertainment industry and what we can do to combat traditional stereotypes. Drawing on personal experiences, this panel examines culture and identity, based on the work of feminist scholars like Judith Butler. **Panelists:** Jessica Merizan (moderator), Holly Conrad, Hilary Shapiro, Elizabeth Heckmaier

(Fidalgo)
SUPERHEROINES IN POETRY

Want to combine your love for superheroines and poetry? This presentation surveys contemporary poems featuring female heroines from Miyazaki films to comic books. Panel will include short readings from local poets. Jeannine Gailey will read from her works Becoming the Villainess and She Returns to the Floating World.
5:30-6:30 PM
(EMP JBL Theater)
WHEDONISTAS
In Whedonistas, award-winning female writers and fans come together to celebrate the works of Joss Whedon. By discussing the impact of Whedon’s work, their involvement with his shows’ fandoms, and why they adore the worlds he’s created, these essayists “aim to misbehave” in his rich, fantastical worlds. Come for the readings and stay for trivia. Panelists: Teresa Jusino (moderator), Nancy Holder, Mariah Huehner

6:00-7:00 PM
(Lopez)
NERD BURLESQUE: TRANSLATING FANDOM TO THE STAGE

Mature Content: An 18 and Up Panel
Proving that smart can be very sexy, a panel of seasoned burlesque pros share their thoughts, theories, tricks, and tips on taking their obsessions and translating them for the stage through the art of burlesque. Both women and men will discuss the notion of empowerment through burlesque and finding inspiration in well-loved characters and concepts. Panelists: Elsa Von Schmaltz (moderator), Jo Jo Stiletto, The Mad Marquis de Maltease, Sophie Maltease, Billy Corazon, Heidi Von Haught, Hottie McNaughty, the Rhinestone Housewife, Miss Elaine Yes, Sailor St. Claire

7:00-8:00 PM
(Fidalgo)
EVERYTHING YOU’VE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT KINKY SEX (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)

Mature Content: An 18 and Up Panel
Be afraid no more! Aliena Gabosch, the Executive Director of the Center for Sex Positive Culture, answers the questions you’ve been dying to ask about Kink and Sex in a totally accessible manner. Are geeks kinky? What is a Safeword? What role do endorphins play in BDSM? What is BDSM? Don’t google it, get real answers at this panel.

7:00-9:00 PM
(EMP JBL Theater)
WOMEN IN FANTASY

Fantasy themes are an integral piece of our pop culture pie. What role do women play in shaping and developing those themes through writing, acting, and “fanning.” How do women get farther and do more by leveraging our legacy in fantasy genres? Panelists: Tristan J. Tarwater and Stephanie Thorpe