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Steampunk MidAtlantic 2017 convention to be held

LOCATION - DATE

Raleigh, NC - June 24-25, 2017

THE EVENT

The inaugural Steampunk MidAtlantic comic con will be held June 24-25 in Raleigh, NC, at the Days Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Road. This event will include vendors and cosplay from the traditional comic con world, along with the addition of vendors, cosplay and activities reflecting Steampunk movements from both Western America and Edwardian England. The premise of Steampunk is, "what if everything was powered by steam rather than electricity?" Literature brings much of these notions to us in works of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells. The classic television show "Wild Wild West" was the first display of steampunk US Western-style. Contemporary movies/comics such as "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," pop culture personalities sporting Steampunk attire such as Becky Lynch of WWE, as well as the growing number of Steampunk events worldwide, illustrate the increasing popularity of Steampunk. The Steampunk MidAtlantic event will feature a vendor room, musical performances, cosplay contest, guest celebrities, a film festival, teapot racing, and filming of a live-action drama which will take place during the event. Guests will even have photo opportunities with a Tardis (from the world of Dr. Who)!

CELEBRETY GUESTS include:

- Papa Stro Maestro (professional wrestler, star of both WCW and WProducerE Network; actor),
- Vaughan Williams (Fergie Thompson on "One Tree Hill," "Vaughan" the sitcom, and other films)
- Ryan Williams ("Vaughan" the sitcom, and other films)
- Will Williams (award-winning actor/executive producer)
- Rob Underhill (award-winning actor producer/director/writer)
- Andrew Huggins (award-winning actor producer/director/writer)
- Brett King (Steampunk Maker, director of Teapot Racing for Steampunk MidAtlantic)
- Anthony Dowling, Executive Director, Eno RiverMedia
- Evan Kidd (Writer and Producer, "Son of Clowns")
- Bradley Bethel (Producer, "Sun of Clowns")
- Award-winning cosplayers Alexander Baker, Teddy Braswell, and Cory Willis

FILM FESTIVAL: Steampunk MidAtlantic proudly presents the first Up All Night Film Festival, to be held on Saturday evening, June 24, beginning at 8PM. The event will be hosted by actor and professional wrestler Rob Kellum (Papa Stro Maestro), along with Rob Underhill and Will Williams. Films currently scheduled include:

- Writer/Director Evan Kidd, Producer Bradley Bethel: "Son of Clowns"
- Producer/Director Rob Underhill: "The Carrington Event"
- Executive Producer/Actor Will Williams: "No Child"
- Producer/Director Mike Roberts: "Vaughan"
- Producer/Director Andrew Huggins: "Civil," "Four Pies"

Other films will be announced. Prior to the film festival, a NC Filmmakers' Reception will be held at the Ramada Inn beginning at 6:30 PM. The reception is co-hosted by Eno River Media.

PRESS CONFERENCE: On Midnight, Saturday June 24, a press conference will be held prior to the screening of "Son of Clowns." The press is cordially invited. The press conference will be hosted by Anthony Dowling, Executive Director, Eno River Media.

LIVE ACTION DRAMA: Steampunk MidAtlantic will see the premier of a live-action mystery play, "Murder At The Comic Con," which will take place during the event in the vendor ballroom of the Ramada Inn, beginning at 12:30PM. The drama, written by John Stamey, is a murder-mystery "who done it?" Steampunk MidAtlantic 2017 will be the first of its kind ever performed live at a comic con or similar event. Stars include Rob Kellum, Will Williams and Miller Edgeworth. Action will be filmed for inclusion in a short movie, which is intended for distribution and entry into film festivals.

MUSICAL GUESTS: We are pleased to announce three musical acts at Steampunk MidAtlantic. First, we have the Blibbering Humdingers. They are from the Raleigh area and perform all over the east coast. From Richmond, we have Tornado Bait Band. Finally, we have musical storytellers Antler Hill from Greenville SC with their Gothic-Folk sound, Antler Hill uses the symbol of a scarecrow to raise awareness for stuttering.

CASTING CALL: A List Casting will be at Steampunk MidAtlantic! They will be viewing new talent, previewing and helping talented people move forward in the movie, television and performance world. Drop by their booth and talk to them. The casting call will be open both Saturday and Sunday, during the vendor expo hours of 10AM-6PM(Saturday) and 10AM-5PM (Sunday).

Tickets and more information are available at the event website,
<http://www.SteampunkMidAtlantic.com/>.

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