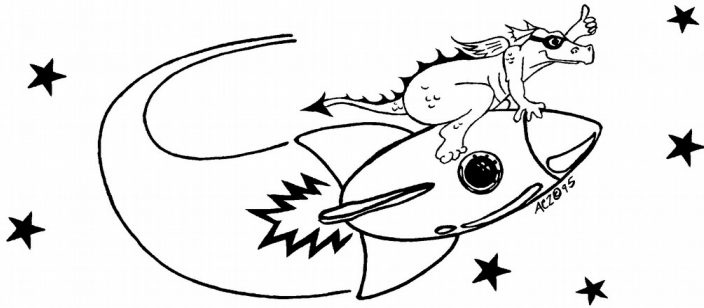


Balticon 54 Rocket Mail

The Vital Newsletter for a Virtual Con



Sunday, May 24, 2019 Edition

VB54 Masquerade Report

The Virtual Balticon 54 Marty Gear Memorial Masquerade went off at 8:00 PM on Saturday over the continuous Twitch channel with One Young Fan class, one Novice class, two Journeymen class and two Master Class entries all on video with Balticon 54 Guests of Honor Jay and Leigh Targaryen providing comedic MC narration. All entries were recorded on video and submitted in advance by the participants. Given the complications caused by the virus emergency the normal award system was not practical, so no awards were given. Entries were:

Young Fan: Lavie Waltzer created and performed by Judah Fox.

Novice: Miss. Butterfly, inspired by drag queens made created and performed by Selena Salisbury.

Journeyman: Happy Troll, inspired by childhood troll dolls created and performed by Merrily Wolfe.

Master: Pirate of the Apogalacticon, inspired by the fabric created and performed by Thomas Atkinson. Camera Betsy Childs and video edit by Don Sakers.

Master: Rave the Bunny, Inspired by the "rainbow butterfly kitten" meme created and performed by Art Boorman.

Journeyman: Dolores and Bernard (Westworld) designed, pattern made for costume and created by Jax Adele and nd performed by Jax Adele and Auston

Rickets.

At the end of the masquerade a recording of a ballet performance by Jay and Leigh Targaryen in 2019 with an Alice in Wonderland theme was screened. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Virtual Balticon 54 Masquerade under difficult virus inspired social distancing circumstances. It was a spirited effort and Marty would have been proud we did not give up.

Worldcon Party Reminder

Tonight, Sunday 05/24/2020 join a Virtual Balticon Room Party hosted by all Standing Worldcons and all registered worldcon bids 8:00 PM- 12 Midnight at <https://zoom.us/j/99487554963?pwd=TG5nVjBsUXdtenIrRzFzeWtRa3U3UT09>

ZOOM VB54 Attendance

The total unique Virtual Balticon 54 attendance on Zoom for all of Friday was 1343 and on Saturday 2787 people. This does not count folks participating on other platforms such as watching the Twitch or yTube feeds of the Zoom panels nor Discord and Second Life participation.

VB54 Fundraising Report

For the record as of 5:20 AM on 5/24/20 the total GoFundMe donations are at \$11,065.00 gifted by the generous fans that are making Virtual Balticon 54 possible. An additional \$495.00 has come into the BSFS paypal account during the GoFundMe campaign by folks who did not want to use GoFundMe using the <http://www.bsfs.org/donate.htm> link. The BSFS treasurer reports that "almost" \$2,000.00 has also been received as checks and or people donating their B54 memberships instead of taking a refund.

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