



Opening a door in the TARDIS marked 'Private', Rose Tyler learns what really happened to all those other companions...

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SWANCON 2006

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Location:

Acacia Hotel, Northbridge
15 Robinson Ave (off William St)
Northbridge 6003
Ph: 9328 0000
Fax: 9328 0100

Internet www.acaciahotel.com.au

Email bookings@acaciahotel.com.au

*please note that all bookings require credit card.

Accommodation Rates:

\$108 twin share including breakfast for 2
\$ 98 single including breakfast
\$98 twin share without breakfast
\$93 single without breakfast
Some suites, deluxe rooms also available

Membership:

Membership is just \$110 as of July 18th, unless you have already bought a supporting membership and wish to upgrade. There is also a discount of \$5 for concession or club affiliation.

International Guests of Honour:

Mercedes Lackey

Larry Dixon

Ippongi Bang

Fan guest of Honour:

Danny Heap.

Don't forget to order your T-shirt for Renaissance 2006!!!!

Printed Calico Bags are also available - see a committee member for more information. (You know you want to!)

Core Committee:

El President: Ken McCaw

President of Vice: Paul Kidd

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Art Show

The 2006 Art Show will be run by Elaine Kemp with assistance from a number of others. They are contactable through the website on the committee list. Details and plans for the Art Show will shortly be released, so please keep an eye upon the website to be sure you know what is happening!

The quality and diversity of the pieces submitted in the Swancon 2005 art show were truly spectacular—we the committee invite you to help us create the 2006 art show to be bigger and better! This convention sees Larry Dixon, famous US Cover artist joining us, and helping us to increase the focus on art in fandom.

Front Cover Art by Lee Battersby

Surprise Guests of Honour

What's it like to meet Ippongi Bang?

I first met Bang at a Tokyo Comiket. I'd gone over to Japan with nowhere to stay and \$300 in pocket on the off chance of making some contacts. I blundered into the Comiket and found myself in the middle of a sea of Japanese fan folk. There were about 200 thousand of them, shoulder to shoulder, and no sign of the editors I'd come there to see.

God - what the hell to do now?

At this moment, a Japanese girl screeched to a halt in front of me, excitedly babbling about my tee shirt. I was wearing a "Tank Vixens" shirt, and she seemed to be REALLY excited by it. I found myself being dragged along to a stand somewhere in the middle of the con, and lo and behold, there were a bunch of Manga artists who all were published in America. These guys all had copies of Tank vixens that was an 'under the table' hit. They heard why I was in Japan, and cheerfully offered to have someone called "Bang" meet me on the next day and show me around. I'd heard the name somewhere before.... so sure! Why not!

The next day, I stood at Shinjuku railway station wondering how the hell I would recognise this "Bang" when she actually DIDS turn up. The all of a sudden I saw a tall, stacked and dishy Japanese lady dressed in a leopard print bikini, Stetson hat and with long green hair.

"Hmm - I wonder if THIS could be her?"

Bang was an absolute delight! Out of the sheer goodness of her heart, she took me around and showed me stores. She arranged meetings with editors and publishers, and came along as



my translator. She introduced me to strange fan artists who dressed up as angler fish with itty-bitty book lights jutting from their heads. I saw movie posters for films she had been in, and finally saw her Manga artwork. A talented lady indeed!

Bang came over for Swancon a few years ago. She astonished the crowds by putting on a song concert, drawing for all and sundry - and by wearing a leopard print bikini and long green hair. Her husband was also a fabulous guest (and a Thai kickboxing champion!) They became addicted to steak and local beer.

They're coming over again. Come and see them!
You won't regret it!

Paul Kidd
President of Vice

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El Presidente's Report

Danny Heap once joked about me being like "Big Kev" the excitable salesman on TV.

Well Folks, I am "Excited". My enthusiastic and skilled team may look calm and collected on the surface, but like a duck paddling against the current, beneath the surface there is a blur of activity. We have a great hotel, guests, lots of members already, a room deal that includes a cooked breakfast, fun events, and active discussions on the Swancon mailing list.

But wait - there's MORE!

We have local author "Adrian Bedford" who is very chuffed to be invited again. This guy just radiates fun! Take him to parties, buy him a drink and get him to tell you a story or two.

We have as our Fan Guest of Honour one of the mothers of Fandom. This is someone who has been a mother duck to many of the Perth fans whom have met her, none other than Alethea Raspa. When the first panel of "Women in Sci-Fi" was held at a Swancon so very long ago, she was there sitting next to Anne McCaffrey, I have a photo of her foot! Alethea is being recognised by us for all the time she has given to Fandom over the years.

Movie screenings... Wow! When we started, we were told by those who know, not to worry about movie screening too much, as they were not very useful for fundraising, and at best were a small social event. Did you see the crowds?! We have some fantastic movies coming up, and have already surpassed the fundraising we were expecting to get from screening on the first screening alone! This means making Swancon bigger and better is so much easier for us, and it give you a great crowd of people to share the joy or of each move we see. We're fans, we're social and we rock! Thanks so much to Jay and Ju for selflessly organizing all the screenings.

I am all ready to drive over to Melbourne Continuum, and push Renaissances as the place to be in 2006. Meanwhile we have people around the globe selling the convention as a fan holiday to Australia.

We are trying to get flyers to every nook and cranny we can think of. If you have a favourite coffee shop, or library... print a flyer or two from our web page, and spread them around! There are so many people unaware of the brilliant fun we share in each year at Swancon, so with your help we want to welcome as many new comers as possible!

"I'm Excited"

Ken McCaw

Generalissimo, President Elect for Life and Beloved of the People

President of Vice Report

Aaaah - the balmy shores! The 'post launch' view. A journey to an idyllic land of plenty: A chicken in every garage! A car in every pot! From here on in, it'll all be smooth sailing...!

Really.

I believe it will be smooth. I believe the guests will learn to use their e-mail 'reply' buttons! I believe that the hotel will neither burn down, fall over nor sink into a swamp. I believe that for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows!

GLEEEEEEEE!

But it IS that balmy period... We are too far from the actual date to be doing any serious programming, and too far from the date to have to niggle over minor problems with guest itineraries. So we can all sit back, happy in the knowledge that it's all going well!

I DO have a plan for later! A way the committee can keep its relaxed attitude and rosy outlook on life through all the worst possible organizational disasters.

Gin! And candy! (sugar and alcohol - nature's one-two punch!) All will be well!

Cheers!

Paul Kidd

President of Vice



Sponsorship

Swancon 2006 is requesting sponsorship from interested parties either businesses or individuals. There are rewards for doing so, not the least of which is supporting a long standing and annual Western Australian event. We will also give you advertising space and promote you to the convention attendees. Guidelines and suggestions are listed below, however if you have something different in mind, please contact Ju: transcendancing@gmail.com

Gold: \$150

- ... Business may provide a banner for the convention committee to put up in the registration / fan lounge area.
- ... Inside jacket advert 1/8th.
- ... 1/2 page ad in Con Book.
- ... Listed as a Gold Sponsor.

Silver: \$100

- ... Business may provide a banner for the convention committee to put up in the registration / fan lounge area.
- ... 1/2 page ad in Con Book.
- ... Listed as a Silver Sponsor.

Bronze: \$50

- ... Ad in Con Book.
- ... Listed as a Bronze Sponsor.

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Registration Form:



Registration Form:

" \$110 – Full Membership " \$35 – Supporting Membership

" \$5 discount for concession **OR** club/convention membership

_____ (please state club/convention)

Personal Details:

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Name to appear on Con Badge: _____ (if different to above)

Payment Details:

" Cheque " Money order " Mastercard " Visa

If paying by credit card:

Please debit my credit card to the value of: \$ _____

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ Signature: _____

" I would like to be added to the Swancon Members Email List.

" I would like to upgrade my Supporting Membership to a Full Membership at a later date.

" I would like to register as a volunteer.

" I do not wish my details (name & state only) to appear on the website or in the Con Book

Please mail this completed form, along with your payment, to:

GPO Box G429, PERTH WA 6948

Hear Ye, Hear Ye: Events!

Who would have thought that there was such life in the now traditional spate of movie screenings? After much disheartenment with the movies projected at us from Hollywood who could blame the Perth fan community for their disillusionment?

I tell you this is now at an end!!! Hitchhikers guide to the galaxy saw 211 attendees, and despite not competing with the very popular midnight premiere screening of Star Wars: Episode III there was still an amazing attendance of over 100 people! Mr and Mrs Smith attracted about 80 people, and Batman Begins over 100! We had around 85 for Fantastic Four, and across both states for Sin City around 70 attendees! Unfamiliar Visions, co-presented by FTI and the Perth fannish community has started strong—over 65 attendees to Labyrinth while Ghostbusters drew 40 people and so far there has been a positive response to Swancon's presentation of Miyazaki's 'Howl's Moving Castle'.

Tickets are usually listed at \$10 each which is a good \$5 off the ordinary ticket price at most cinemas, so bring along your friends, co-workers and families and enjoy a cheap movie! Many thanks to Jay for helping out so much with all of the screenings!!!

See you at the movies!

Ju - Secretarial and Events Lap Cat

Current Screening List:

(subject to copious change due to the cinema release list being whimsical)

September

2nd Sep: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

10th Sep: "Unfamiliar Visions" - Howl's Moving Castle (ADVANCE!)

October

6th Oct: Night Watch

20th Oct: Tim Burton's Corpse Bride

27th Oct: Doom

November

4th Nov: V for Vendetta

"Unfamiliar Visions" - details TBA

24th Nov: Brothers Grimm

December

14th Dec: King Kong

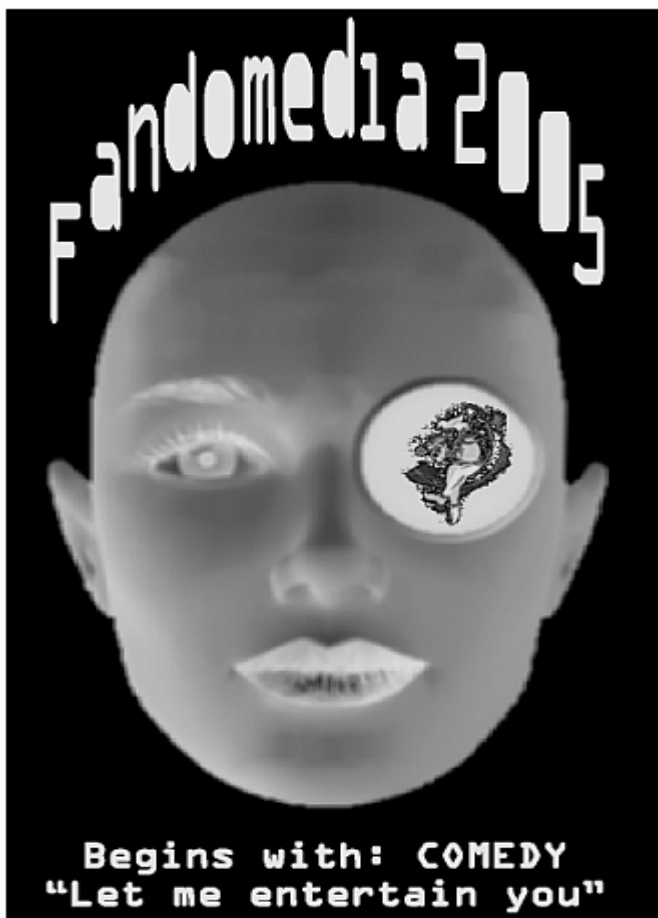
26th Dec: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

January

12th Jan: Aeon Flux

19th Jan: Underworld 2

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Featuring:

Guest of Honour:
Chuck McKenzie
Local Guest of
Honour: Simon
Haynes
Fan Guest of
Honour: Erika
Pearson

November 19-20th
2005
Emerald Hotel:
Perth
\$65 full
\$55 concession

www.livejournal.com/users/fandomedia
transcendancing@gmail.com

Tee Shirts

Order a Swancon 2006 T-Shirt today—as modelled by our stylish hardworking committee! Be Seen, be Cool with the latest in the dark ages of fashion. Even our Treasurer supports the expense!

T-shirts are priced at the low price of \$25 for short sleeved and \$30 for long sleeved garments. Our short sleeved t-shirts can also be of the fitted variety and sizes range from XS-XXL. This year we also offer a variety of colours: **Light blue, red, bright green or white.** The print is black on all colours.

All orders require \$10 deposit and will need to be picked up from the committee by arrangement. If more convenient, we can mail it to you for \$2.50.

ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIZE: _____ COLOUR: _____ LONG SLEEVED: _____ FITTED: _____

MAIL: No / Yes + \$2.50

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Wine Fundraising

Ultimo Catering & Liquor is once again offering an unbelievable deal on cleanskin wines. This time we have access to cases of quality **Classic White, Chardonnay, Semillon/Chardonnay, Cabernet Merlot, Classic Red, Ruby Red & Cabernet Sauvignon Cleanskin** wines plus a **Sparkling White (Champagne)**. Turnover for more info and tasting notes on these wines. If preferred, order a mixed case - 6 of each.

For every case sold, Ultimo Catering & Liquor will then make a rebate back to Swancon 31.

Prices

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle. (Classic White)

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle. (Chardonnay)

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle. (Semillon/Chardonnay)

\$84.00 per case, ie \$7.00 per bottle. (Sparkling) **min full carton orders/no mix**

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle. (Cabernet Merlot)

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle. (Classic Red)

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle. (Ruby Red)

\$72.00 per case, ie \$6.00 per bottle (Cabernet Sauvignon)

Please return the slip below with payment (cheque preferred) in an envelope to your Swancon Contact by **13 October 2005**. Ultimo guarantees that you will be happy with the quality of these wines and if not completely satisfied you can return the remainder to them for a refund. Orders will be available for pick up by arrangement from your Swancon Contact from the 25th of July. Assistance will be available to take the case/s to your car.

Ultimo Wine Order (Swancon 31)

Name: _____ Ph No: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate the number of cases you wish to order:

_____ case/s of Classic White @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of Chardonnay @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of Semillon/Chardonnay @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of Sparkling White @ \$84.00 per case min full ctn orders/no mix

_____ case/s of Classic Red @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of Ruby Red @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of Cabernet Merlot @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of Cabernet Sauvignon @ \$72.00 per case

_____ case/s of mixed cleanskins @ \$72.00 p/case min 6 bottles of each wine.

Mixed case order/s _____

Enclosed is payment of \$_____ Method of Payment: Chq Cash C/Card
Credit Card details (Please include name, address & phone number on back of all cheques)
No. _____

Exp Date. //

Card holders name & signature. _____

Cheques must be made payable to Ultimo Liquor.

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FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T SURE – Cleanskin wines are “unlabelled” bottles of wine sold by wineries to reduce their stocks.

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Amateur Science Fiction / Fantasy Competition

- ... Renaissances 2006: will accept submissions in four competition categories:
Written fiction, visual media, sound media, and junior achievement (under 16)
- ... Submissions should either be emailed to Ju: transcendancing@gmail.com or sent by post to GPO Box G429, PERTH WA 6948. The closing date for submissions is Sunday, February 19th 2006.
- ... The Amateur SF&F Competition is open to Australian residents or Swancon 2006 members only.
- ... The theme of the competition is "Renaissance - A New Beginning"
- ... Entries must be original, fictitious and cannot be based upon existing series, properties or characters.
- ... Entries must not have been previously published, nor have been the recipient of a prize.
- ... The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- ... Entrants must agree to have their entries published in a fanzine or on a website, although Renaissances 2006 is under no obligation to do so.
- ... Up to 3 entries may be submitted by each entrant.
- ... Written Fiction: An entry should consist of a short story, maximum length of 5000 words. Two typed copies, in manuscript format (double spaced, minimum 12 point) must be submitted and accompanied by a cover sheet with the contributor's name and the title of the submission(s). The name of the entrant must only appear on the cover page of the submission and nowhere else.
- ... Visual media: An entry should consist of one short fictional film or animation, maximum length of 20 minutes. Two copies must be submitted on separate good quality VHS tape, VCD or DVD, and accompanied by a cover letter with the contributor's name and the title of the submission(s).
- ... Sound media: An entry should consist of one short fictional radio-play, maximum length of 20 minutes. Two copies must be submitted on separate good quality audiotape cassette or CD, and accompanied by a cover letter with the contributor's name and the title of the submission(s).
- ... Any written fiction, visual media or sound media that follows the above guidelines may be submitted to the junior achievement category by authors younger than 16 years of age.
- ... Submissions will not be posted back so please do not submit your original.
- ... Electronic submissions of written fiction will be accepted with consultation.
- ... The judges reserve the right to deliver a verdict of No Award.

Fan-Vid Competition

- ... Submissions should either be emailed to Ju: transcendancing@gmail.com or sent by post to GPO Box G429, PERTH WA 6948. The closing date for submissions is Sunday, February 19th 2006.
- ... The Fan Vid Competition is open to Australian residents or Swancon 2006 members only.
- ... The theme of the competition is "Renaissance - A New Beginning".
- ... Entries must be based on an existing fandom and disclaimer must be shown.
- ... Entries must not have been previously published, nor have been the recipient of a prize.
- ... Visual media: An entry should consist of one short fictional film or animation, maximum length of 20 minutes. Two copies must be submitted on separate good quality VHS tape, VCD or DVD, and accompanied by a cover letter with the contributor's name and the title of the submission(s).
- ... The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- ... Entrants must agree to have their entries published in a fanzine or on a website, although Renaissances 2006 is under no obligation to do so.
- ... Up to 3 entries may be submitted by each entrant.
- ... The judges reserve the right to deliver a verdict of No Award.



3 Panel Comic Competition

- ... Submissions should either be emailed to Ju: transcendancing@gmail.com or sent by post to GPO Box G429, PERTH WA 6948. The closing date for submissions is Sunday, February 19th 2006.
- ... The 3 Panel Comic Competition is open to Australian residents or Swancon 2006 members only.
- ... The theme of the competition is "Renaissance - A New Beginning".
- ... Entries must be original, fictitious and cannot be based upon existing series, properties or characters.
- ... Entries must not have been previously published, nor have been the recipient of a prize.
- ... Entries must be of three (3) panels only.
- ... The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- ... Entrants must agree to have their entries published in a fanzine or on a website, although Renaissances 2006 is under no obligation to do so.
- ... Up to 3 entries may be submitted by each entrant.
- ... The judges reserve the right to deliver a verdict of No Award.



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