





Harassment Policy

Our convention supports a no tolerance harassment policy both at the convention site and via any social networks, blogs or websites during the convention. Any violators will be removed from the convention area, any posts removed from online sources and they will be permanently banned from future conventions with no refund of any funds spent. ATOMACON reserves the right to deny membership to any individual who has practiced harassment or bullying either at other conventions or on social media sites.

Our Mission:

ATOMACON, Inc. (<http://atomacon.org>) is a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to creating awareness of, and appreciation for science fiction, fantasy, and science through related literary and other popular art forms. This is accomplished primarily through a convention to celebrate the history of and on-going contribution of science fiction, fantasy, science and related genres to art and popular culture.

Our Staff

Chairperson: Janet Iannantuono

Vice-Chair: Michelle Iannantuono

Film Festival Director: Michael Whaley

Dealer's Room Lead: Cecil Fuson

Registration: Becky Millwater

Cover art: Janet Iannantuono

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Lyndon Aban, Robert Glass, Adam Piazza, Katy Strieve,

Stephanie Westee, William Carter

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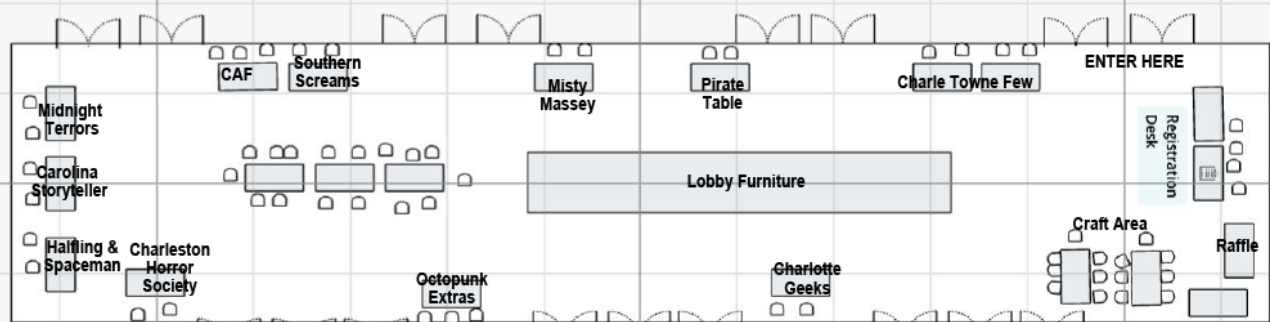
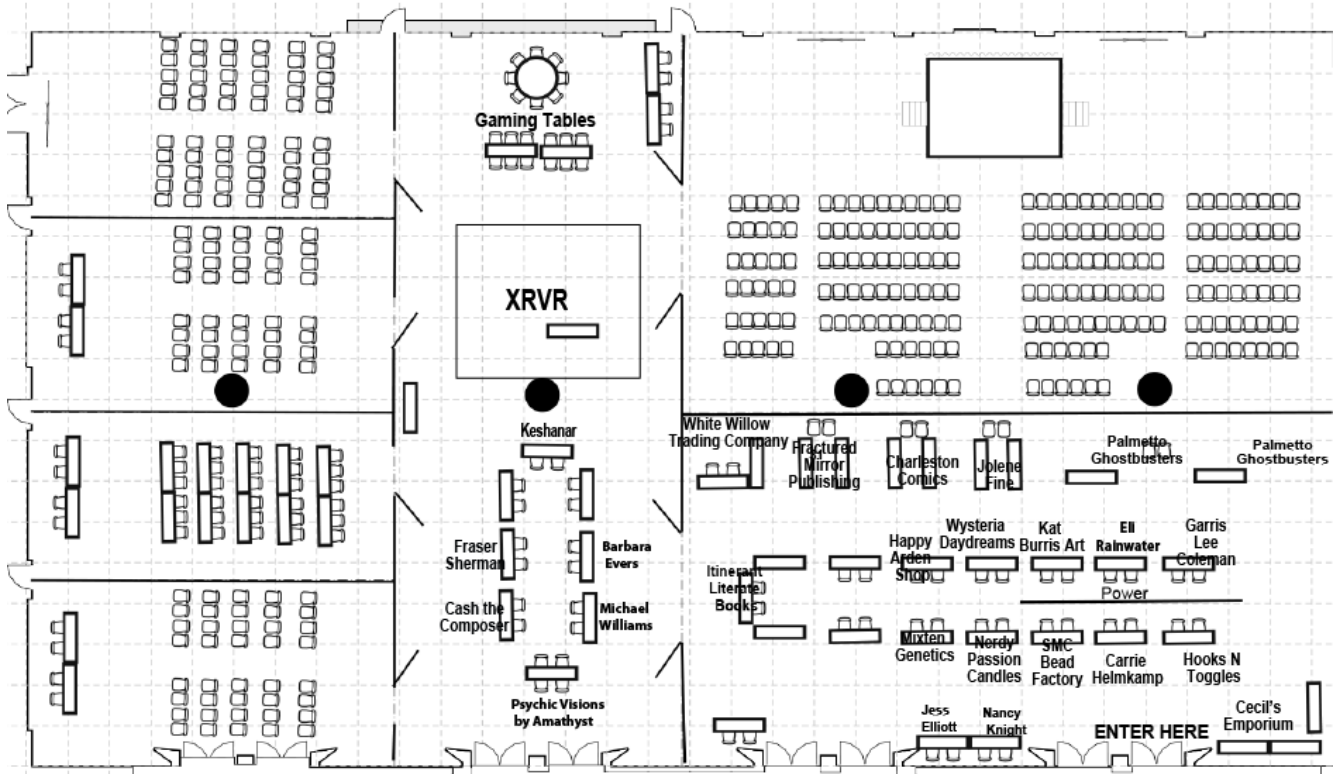
Convention Rules

- ATOMACON ConCom/Staff reserves the right to remove anyone who is violating the rules or otherwise preventing others from their enjoyment of the Con from the convention premises, without a refund.
- When you are in the convention areas, you must wear your badge/wristband. Lost badges/wristbands will only be replaced once for a fee of \$5. Badges/wristbands must be worn and visible at all times.
- No running or other roughhousing on the Con premises except in designated areas.
- Please try to keep behavior and actions family friendly during normal con hours. Please understand that we consider ourselves a family friendly con. Anyone deemed not adhering to this rule will be subject to rule 1.
- Please do not damage the event space. Damaging the hotel will qualify any member for rule number 1, and any damage costs will be charged to said member.
- Bladed weapons must be sheathed and peace-bonded at all times.
- Prop-weapons must be approved by Con Security and designated by a colored ribbon or other means showing it's a prop. All prop-weapons must remain holstered or otherwise safely kept. Airsoft weapons used as props are acceptable as long as the battery pack is removed, it has no ammo and otherwise is unable to shoot.
- All other "real" weapons are prohibited. If it is able to fire a projectile, it is considered real. Some exceptions are made for projectile weapons in controlled, con-approved environments like airsoft demos or Nerf Wars.
- ATOMACON cannot permit unauthorized vendors to sell anything at the convention.
- The college has requested that no "outside" alcohol be brought into the con areas.
- No smoking in the con site. Smoking areas are available in designated areas.
- ATOMACON is not responsible for items lost, missing, or stolen during the convention.
- While the convention organizers encourage members to bring their children to ATOMACON, we ask that parents take an active role in monitoring the events in which their children participate. Some events may not be suitable for all ages.
- ATOMACON requests that while in the convention areas, costumes should be suitable and appropriate for the general public. Costumes of adult nature or otherwise inappropriate are not welcome in the convention common areas during normal con hours.
- You are attending a public convention and, therefore, should expect that your picture very well may be taken. Generally, we ask photographers to be respectful and ask a person before specifically taking a picture of them. However, the convention is not responsible for what is contained in the background of photographs (e.g. - crowd shots).

General Dress Code Guidelines

- Please keep the costumes family friendly. This includes no nudity or see-through or extremely revealing clothing, and no profanity or offensive language displayed.
- No shirt, no shoes, no service. Please keep your shirts on during normal con hours.
- Art and costumes of an overtly adult or fetish nature should not be seen or worn at our con during normal con hours.

Convention Layout



Dealers

The Kingdom of Keshanar
XRVR Games
Hooks and Toggles
Cecil's Emporium- Toys, Prop Swords
Eli Rainwater
Kat Burris Art
Fractured Mirror Publishing
Author Garris Lee Coleman
Wysteria Daydreams
Artists Carrie and Rob Helmkamp
SMC Bead Factory
Artist- Paul Downs
Itinerant Literate Books
Nerdy Passion Candles
Happy Arden Shop
Mixten Genetics
Jolene Flne
Charleston Comics
Stacie White
Psychic Visions by Amathyst

Charleston's Absent Friends
Southern Screams
Midnight Terrors Podcast
Octopunk Extras
Palmetto State Ghostbusters
Halfling and Spaceman
Charleston Society of Horror
Frasher Sherman
The Carolina Storyteller Podcast
/ Valmont: The Black Raven
Chronicles
Kevin Davis
Michael Kennedy
Misty Massey
Barbara Evers
S.H. Roddey
Nancy Knight
Cash the Composer

Gaming

Pie Shop Goblins is a light hearted adventure for 4 - 6 level 1 characters. Mrs Miggins pie shop is the first place any self-respecting adventurer would head to on their way out to seek their fortune in the world?

Her delicious meat and flaky crust are the talk of every frontier tavern, and many carefree ventures into the wilderness have started here. Naturally, as you venture into the Dark Forest, you'd stop here first.

But when goblins have stolen her secret spice mix, you must rush to Mrs Miggins' aid so that adventurers will be sustained. Saturday -11 am and 2pm Sunday-1pm.

The Kingdom of Keshanar Keshanar.com

TTRPG campaign setting The Kingdom of Keshanar is a fantasy world inspired by an ancient Egypt that could have been...if the magic, the monsters, and the gods were actually real. The Kingdom of Keshanar is the dominant kingdom on the world of Orthane, and the City of Keshanar is its capital. The City of Keshanar is where much of game-play takes place in our setting. While it reflects ancient Egypt and is populated with characters, monsters, gods and magic that are drawn from that culture, Keshanar is entirely fictional.

Saturday 1pm Many Hands Make Short Work: A Kingdom of Keshanar Adventure

Saturday 4pm The Purrfect Trap: A Kingdom of Keshanar Adventure

Sunday 11pm Snatching Hope from the Jaws of Defeat- A Kingdom of Keshanar Adventure



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Costume Contest Information

****Entries limited to 30 groups or individuals

The Atomacon Costume Contest will be held on Sunday May 4th starting at 4pm in Main Programming. Contest line up report time will be 3:30pm near the Gaming area.

Every type of costuming is encouraged, Furry, Cosplay, Steampunk, Historical, Anime, Media Re-creation or Found Item or what you will, and we hope you will take your turn in the spotlight, as the crowd goes wild!

Registration will be open on Saturday from 10 am to 5pm and Sunday at 10am - 1pm. You must be registered to participate.

Costume Contest Rules

- Contestants are limited to 30 seconds on stage; if a group needs longer, they must obtain permission from the Masquerade Director
- Surprise the audience – NEVER SURPRISE THE DIRECTORS OR MC!
- No fire or flame allowed on stage – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Smoking is prohibited in all designated masquerade areas.
- The masquerade is PG-13. Remember, “No costume is no costume”
- No messy substances – wet, dry or oily – that could ruin another contestants costume are permitted on stage or in the ready room
- Entrants with re-creation costumes (a costume from a media source) should bring printed photo documentation of their costume; you can't expect the judges to always be familiar with your favorite! Please do not bring books or videotapes/DVDs.
- **Weapons:** Nothing may be brought on stage that might endanger the entrants, audience, judges or crew.
- **Special effects:** Nothing may be brought on stage that might endanger the entrants, audience, judges or crew. Special effects must be clearly outlined in advance to the masquerade staff in order to determine that they are (1) legal and (2) safe. SAFETY IS OUR PARAMOUNT CONCERN.
- No flash photography is permitted while contestants are on stage. SAFETY IS OUR PARAMOUNT CONCERN.

Join us for our **Charity Auction** to benefit

on

Saturday at 4 pm in the lobby

Charity raffle tickets are \$1 and will be drawn on Saturday after the Auction.

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Guest of Honor



Michael A. Stackpole
Guest of Honor



Timothy Zahn
Guest of Honor



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Programming Includes

- Panel Discussions
- Fan Group Events
- Workshops
- Writing Development Lectures
- Short Film Festival
- Live Performances
- Charity Auction
- Costume Contest
- Official World of Darkness LARP
- Open Gaming
- Book Signings / Autographs
- Awards Ceremony
- Publisher Presentations

ConGregate Professional Development Lecture Series for Writers!

Are you ready to take your writing to the next level? Whether you're a seasoned author or just starting your journey, this lecture series is the perfect place to ignite your passion for storytelling. Join us at ConGregate for a weekend filled with learning and inspiration.

Highlights Include:

- **Workshops** led by acclaimed writers Michael A. Stackpole, Gail Z. Martin, and John G. Hartness
- **Networking Opportunities** with publishers and fellow writers
- **Book Signings** by featured authors

AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR

Delilah S. Dawson

Delilah S. Dawson is the New York Times bestselling writer of Star Wars: Pasma, Galaxy's Edge: Black Spire, Inquisitor: Rise of the Red Blade, The Secrets of Long Snoot, The Perfect Weapon, and Scorched; Disney Mirrorverse: Pure of Heart, Midnight at the Houdini, Bloom, The Violence, the Blud series, Servants of the Storm, the HIT series, Wake of Vultures and the Shadow series (as Lila Bowen), and a variety of short stories in anthologies such as Death & Honey, Robots vs. Fairies, Hellboy: an Assortment of Horrors, Violent Ends, Carniepunk, Three Slices, and Last Night a Superhero Saved My Life. With Kevin Hearne, she is the co-writer of the Tales of Pell series. Her middle grade works include Mine, Camp Scare, and the Minecraft Mob Squad series.



Princess Bride Shadowcast

Saturday 6:30

Main Programming

Cosplay Contest

and Trivia with Prizes

Starting at 5:30



GUESTS

Janet Carden and Roger Carden

Podcasters know nas Haffling and Spaceman (<https://halfingandspaceman.com>), they have three types of shows; "Conversations", "Discussions," and "Second Breakfast With the Halfling and the Spacemen."

When not podcasting, Janet and Roger are the editors of "Crimson Streets" an online magazine dedicated to fiction in the style of the 1930s pulp magazines. (<http://www.crimsonstreets.com>)



Sammie Cassel

Sammie Cassell is a NC based actor, producer and comedian. He has been seen in Halloween Kills, Eyes of Tammy Faye, Please Don't Destroy, Hunting Wives and many local films. He does Improv comedy out of the Idiot Box Comedy Club in Greensboro NC and is a performer with the Channel 53 sketch troupe. Known in some circles as Sammie the Comic Book Man. He's also VP of Wreak Havoc Productions. www.wreakhavocproductions.com know at least one of his films has earned a prize at our film festival! We will be sure to put his Improv skills to work!



Kevin Davis

Kevin A Davis is an urban fantasy author as well as a guest and panelist at various fandom conventions. His six book AngelSong series, features the unstoppable Haddie. His recent Khimmer Chronicles series features the irreverent, naïve, and fun-loving Ahnjii joined with Khimmer, the mind of her adaptive Nightarmor.

Visit his website at www.KevinArthurDavis.com, on FB www.facebook.com/KevinArthurDavis, or Twitter <https://twitter.com/KevinADavisUF> or Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/kevinarthurdavisauthor>



Meri Elena

Meri is a speculative fiction writer, mostly dark fantasy and paranormal, but doesn't really color inside the lines. She published her first short story when she was fourteen, and her mom insisted she use a pen name. She took some creative license with my actual first and middle names, and Meri Elena was brought forth

She has published two novels: young adult urban fantasy series, Nightfall and Blood Magik, in addition to a smattering of short stories. Two of those are in Off the Beaten Path anthologies. She also has a weekly podcast, Herbarium of the Bizarre, about strange and interesting plants. She has made use of that plant biology degree somehow. She lives in Kernersville, NC with my two cats, Joon and Wednesday. and works in communications for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, but on weekends can often be found at conventions around the southeast.



J. Elliott

J. Elliott is an artist and writer living in Gainesville, Florida who has designed her own book covers and illustrated all her books. She has recently signed on as an illustrator for two online magazines, Yellow Mama and Black Petals.

She is the Past President of the Writer's Alliance of Gainesville. She has been published in Women's World, Grey Matter, and Crooked Shift (an online magazine). She has written three books in a cozy mystery series set in Florida, and three collections of ghost stories.

Elliott is a regular contributor to the Hogtowne Quill, the blog of the Writers Alliance of Gainesville. She is releasing weekly installments of her ghost story, Jiko Bukken on Kindle Vella, planning to have the paperback and eBook available by September 2023.



Barbara V Evers

Barbara is an award-winning author and a Pushcart Prize nominee whose short stories and essays have appeared in several anthologies. In addition, she's judged several writing contests, been a slush pile reader, and contributes to multiple blogs, including two of her own. She is the chapter leader for the SCWA Greenville chapter and served on SCWA's Board of Directors from 2008-2010 and as President of the Board in 2009. For more information, visit her website, <http://Eversworks.com> or her blog, <http://barbaravevers.com>



Dance Harden

Dance Harden is a 3rd generation SFF fan and real life bard. A background in the performing arts includes flutist, modeling, dancer/choreographer, and Knoxville Opera Company chorus member. Their BDSM group was the featured local guest performer for Lollapalooza 1996. They studied psychology, history, world religion, and media studies at the University of Tennessee. After moving to Charlotte, NC in 2008, they entered the healthcare field.

A SFF blogging career spans twenty years and various platforms. Currently, their main focus is Puzzle Prompts, with the goal of providing informative inspiration on a monthly basis to other artists and content creators. They also guest at area conventions and write speculative fiction for fun and personal fulfillment.



Charlie Kaufman

To paraphrase the great Groucho Marx, "Charlie was born at a very young age." Charlie is a self described science nerd and a sci-fi geek, never finding a dull scientific conference or a sci-fi convention. Charlie has worked extensively in environmental consulting (where he fed generations of mosquitoes while walking through swamps) and academia where he studied coastal erosion, and natural disaster impacts (he also managed to put Star Wars action figures into the upper atmospheres, run Godzilla damage estimates and zombie outbreak models).



Midnight Terrors PodCast (Kevin Roche)

Midnight Terrors is a local podcast by two brothers in law who discuss all things horror. They will be doing live podcasts and interviews during the convention!

https://www.instagram.com/midnight_terrors_podcast/



Nancy Knight

Nancy Knight is the author of fifteen novels, six adult plays, more than 20 children's plays, many short stories, and two produced screen plays. Her movie, *Evil Little Things*, is currently in distribution and is available from Amazon Prime. She has edited several fiction anthologies. Since 1987, she has taught creative writing workshops, classes and seminars all across the country for writer's organizations, conventions, and colleges. She is the former president of Atlanta Writers Club, Georgia Romance Writers, Southeastern Writers' Association and several other groups.

Georgia Romance Writers gives an award in her name each year honoring her mentorship of upcoming writers. In June of 2023, Falstaff Books awarded her a lifetime achievement award for mentoring new authors. She has been director of Writers' Track for Dragon Con for twenty-five years and, as such, produces more than forty hours of programming each year at Dragon Con. She was honored with the Hank Rhinehart Award in 2004 for promoting writers and literature.

She is a member of Women in Film/Atlanta, Atlanta Writers' Club, Horror Writers Association, Georgia Romance Writers, and the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Association.

One of Ms. Knight's latest novels, *Cursed*, was nominated for and is a finalist in for the coveted Maggie Award for Excellence in Writing in the Young Adult category. The second book in the series, *Queen's Honor* was released in September 2022. The third book, *Queen's Curse* was released in October 2023. Her novel, *Destiny's Flames* will be released in the spring of 2024.



Wanda Howard

Wanda Harward is a member of The Charlotte Geeks, assisting Joey Starnes and Carol Cowles with Geek Gala, The Geekery Market (formerly Muggles Market), and other shenanigans as required. She runs a twice monthly D&D 5e group presently. She has been attending cons off and on since the 80's, and consistently since 2006. Professionally, Wanda is a retired social worker, current tarot reader and life coach (<https://findingthekeytarot.com/>). She has been a tarot reader for many events and locations, including Carolina Renaissance Festival, Muggles Market, SagaCon, and many professional events.



Michael Arthur Kennedy

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Michael lives in Delaware, but has maternal roots in South Carolina. He has had a love of poetry and writing since the third grade. Michael continued writing and published student magazines through his undergraduate at Harvard and then before entering medical school. He continued creative writing informally throughout his residency and fellowship. Michael began writing short stories in 2002 and eventually started writing his first novel in 2019.

Michael has always loved a well told story that stretches his imagination. From "Their Eyes Were Watching God" to "Parable of the Sower", and from "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" to "Pan's Labyrinth", he marvels at human existence at the boundaries of possibility and seeks to bring this magic into his own writing.

Dreams From Lake Chagrin is a story where passion, greed, and spirituality intersect with global warming.

Married, and with multiple cats, Michael practices Occupational Medicine in the Philadelphia area. He is a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, and grandfather who enjoys travel, good food, photography, African art, jazz and smiling faces. Born the same year "The Twilight Zone" premiered on television, he can't foresee retiring. He feels he is hitting his stride.



Misty Massey

Misty Massey is the author of *Mad Kestrel* (Tor Books), a rollicking adventure of magic on the high seas which was nominated for the 2010 SCASL Book Award. Misty is one of the featured writers on the *Magical Words.net* blog. When she's not writing, she studies Middle Eastern dance. Misty's short fiction has recently appeared in the *Rum and Runestones* anthology (Dragon Moon Press) and the *Dragon's Lure* anthology (Dark Quest Books). A sequel to *Mad Kestrel*, *Kestrel's Dance*, was a Palmetto Scribe Finalist winner in 2023! This year she will be heading our Pirate Certification Program.



Jim McDonald

Jim is a science fiction, fantasy and contemporary fiction author, using his background in cultural anthropology and sociology. His current series are the *Home Summonings* and *Long Bow Initiative Urban Fantasy* series. His newest project *The Writer's Mind*, (<http://www.thewritersmind.com>) is a book, podcast and video series on business practices for individual creators, such as authors, artists and musicians.



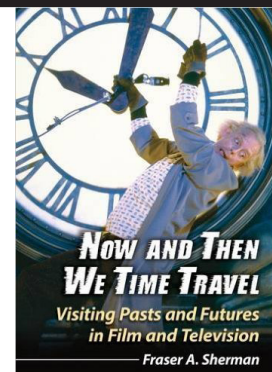
Jonathan Phoinex

I'm Jonathan Phoinex, author of *Through The Flames* and *Red Coats*, as well as your host for *Let Me Tell You A Story*. I grew up in Georgetown, South Carolina where it seemed impossible to throw a rock without being near some site of paranormal significance. As a youth I would listen to the tour guides as they passed places where my friends and I played and hear them tell stories about ghost of soldiers, pirates, forlorn lovers and even graveyard caretakers. It was only natural I would develop a love for storytelling and the paranormal. I honed my craft by entertaining my children, my nieces and their friends by sitting next to the fire at night and sharing with them those same stories. Now I share those stories with you, and sometimes with my friends who also work in the paranormal world. <https://www.thecarolinastoryteller.com/>



Fraser Sherman

Fraser's work has been published to *Realms of Fantasy*, *KZine*, *Space and Time*, *Crimson Streets* and *Allegory*, as well as publishing four film-reference books with McFarland (#5, *The Aliens Are Here*, is on the way). He has self-published three previous books: *Atoms for Peace*, *Atlas Shagged* and a book on the Bond films, *Sex for Dinner*, *Death for Breakfast*. He recently published *Undead Sexual Cliches*, a book about the stupidity of misogynist arguments. He also blogs over at *Atomic Junkshop*. If you want to find him on Twitter, bogatyr5, and on Facebook as Fraser Sherman.



C. Michael Whaley

C. Michael Whaley is an award winning filmmaker. He is also a writer, director, producer, actor and cinematographer. After splitting from Curtain Ninja Productions, he decided to start his own production company Turn A Phrase Films to specialize in comedy/horror films. He is also the Director of our Film Festival!



Russell Halvorson

Russell Halvorson has played in and ran D&D games since 1990. He started with 2nd edition Advanced Dungeons and Dragons, and has used every edition since, including Pathfinder first edition. He is also an actor and most recently the host of Octopunx Breakout Roles game show.



Serpentine Jade

Serpentine Jade is a trans-cultural fusion dance troupe. We dance with a variety of props including veil, basket, tray, and fire, but consider sword dancing to be our specialty.

As a trans-cultural fusion dance troupe we incorporate elements from various dance traditions. Located in the Upstate of South Carolina, we perform, teach and speak across the United States, spreading the joy of dance and cultural appreciation.

<https://serpentinejade.com/>



Charleston's Absent Friends

Charleston's Absent Friends (CAF) is a registered 501(c)(3) Non-Profit! We have been performing shadow casts since 2002. We are the only non-profit shadowcast troupe in Charleston, SC.

Our specialty is performing Shadow Casts of The Rocky Horror Picture Show (RHPS), however, we have recently been branching out into Shadow Casts of The Princess Bride with more on the horizon!

We have regular performances of our RHPS shadowcast on the first Friday of every month. Check out our event calendar for so many other great events! Hope to see you at a show!



Valmont Live Reading

Afraig Valmont is just a guy trying to make his way in the world. When he takes a job from a local crime boss, he becomes entwined in a hidden world he never knew existed. It's a race against time to stop a monstrous Vampire and his minions from destroying the city and it seems only Afraig can put the puzzle together. If only he can stay alive long enough to make it happen. Join the cast of Valmont: The Black Raven Chronicles for a table read of one of their podcasts.



Animation

Robots Don't Tell Jokes
Met(EYE)morphosis
My Darling Daffodil
112 Steps
P[]P C()RN
Les Betes



ATOMACON FILM FESTIVAL

May 3 & 4, 2025
North Charleston, SC
<http://filmfreeway.com/atomacon>

Do You Believe in Magic

A Princess's Plea
Making Magic
Emily's Mountain
Forward Smash
My Own World
Sticky Buns, Ravioli, and White Cake

Drama/Suspense/Thriller

Hearts of Men
Pluck
Medication
Wreckless

Regional

Atlas Falling
The Last Robbery
The Closet
El Oscurecimiento
Emotional Support Demon
Buried

Kitchen Sink

Happy Birthday Jamie
The Litterbug
They Came Home to Die
Overtime
Omelet Sunday
Where Are All the Gay Superheroes?

Horror

Verflechtung
The Highwayman
Sleep Tight
Rancho Mirage
The Sessions
A Simple Life

Fan Films

Icebreaker
Frostbite: A Walking Dead Fan Film
La Morte De La Guerre- A Star Trek Fan Film (The Death of War)
Kaida's Escape
Halloween: Collection of Evil
The Oath: A Batman Fan Film

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May 2-3

Trident Technical College, North Charleston, SC

<http://atomacon.org>

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Sunday from 9 am - noon at Registration for \$25.**