

Con 70 Panel, Presentation and Discussion Programme

Saturday – March 7, 2015

Time	First Room	Description	Second Room	Description
10am – 10:25am (30 mins)	Opening Ceremony	Join us as we kick off Con 70 with some announcements, some reminders and a special welcome to you all.	-	-
10:30am – 11:30am (1 hour)	I'm living in the 70's	Being the convention's theme, we review each year to see how much you remember from that special decade.	Kind of the nerds	We have the most trivia of trivia! Learn something in this 'true or false' quiz! This is one for the true nerds.
11:30am – 12:30pm (1 hour)	Saturday morning TV	From <i>Josie and the Pussycats</i> to <i>Jason of Star Command</i> . Sci-Fi TV in the mornings was for kids, let's look at the shows that fed our cravings.	Great character actors of the 70's	There were the stars of the genre. We remember the actors who found their niche in Sci-Fi/Fantasy.
12:30pm – 1pm (30 mins)	Lunch		Lunch	
1pm – 2pm (1 hour)	Celebrating <i>Star Wars</i>	It's the one movie that turned an entire generation of young people into Sci-Fi fans. We'll hear the stories of how this all came about and the legacy that has endured from it.	A Touch of Oz – Australian Sci-Fi TV and movies	Not all 70's Sci-Fi was based in the US or UK, let's look at what OUR country produced in that decade.
2pm – 3pm (1 hour)	Gerry Anderson and the 70's	The Century 21 years: celebrating <i>UFO</i> and <i>Space: 1999</i> are the subject of our retrospective look at Anderson's legacy.	The A to Z of 70's Sci-Fi	An alphabetical excursion of shows, characters, actors, artists, and more!
3pm – 4pm (1 hour)	Effects – Old School Style	Special FX were revolutionised in 1968 with <i>2001</i> , but in the 70's they reached unprecedented heights. We'll show how it was done, who did it, and why it still holds up so well today.	Scores of music scores	Music is a really important part of any film or TV show. We will show and play the familiar, and not so familiar
4pm – 5pm (1 hour)	Androids, robots, and metal minions	Artoo Detoo, See Threepio, Muffet, Huey, Dewey, Louie, VINCENT, Old Bob, Maximillian, Elle, Kip, Twiggy, the Cylons and even Ash. We humans discuss our metal mates.	Forgotten TV gems	Unlike <i>Dr Who</i> or <i>Battlestar Galactica</i> , many shows did not live on past their time. A look back at shows from <i>Salvage 1</i> to <i>Far Out Space Nuts</i> .
5pm – 6pm (1 hour)	Name that clip	We'll show you a short scene from a movie or TV show. Will it be enough for you to recognise?	Terry Nation and other UK Sci-Fi	While Terry Nation was busy creating the Daleks, UK Sci-Fi was in the middle of a popularity wave. Let's look back to this wondrous period of British Sci-Fi history.
6pm – onwards	Dinner and party time!	It's time to get some dinner then glam up for DISCON '70		

Sunday – March 8, 2015

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10.30am – 11:30am (1 hour)	I've got 'Collector Fever'	No one knew it at the time, but the toys of the 70's are worth big bucks today. Let's recall those items we once played with as kids but have long since lost. Who knows, some of them may even turn up in the Auction!	Film trailers, would you see that movie?	Here's a chance to see how our favourite movies were first advertised to an eager public. Looking at them now, would you have gone to see the film?
11:30am – 12.30pm (1 hour)	Spicks & Specks Sci-Fi spectacular	You know the ABC game show. Now see live on stage the Con 70 version!	The women of Sci-Fi and Fantasy	The 70's was a time of women's liberation and in Sci-Fi they moved away from the 50's scream queens to holding their own with the men, even if their costumes didn't always reflect this.
12:30pm – 1pm (30 mins)	Lunch		Lunch	
1pm – 2pm (1 hour)	Auction	Here's an opportunity to bid on that vintage item you can take home to your collection. The bids and bargains will be fast and furious.	Oh, that's just terrible!	For all the great moments in screen history, there are some really cringe worthy ones as well. Oh the pain!
2pm – 3pm (1 hour)	Auction (<i>cont'd</i>)	Here's your chance to buy some rare and interesting collectables relating to the 70's decade. Our collectable auction continues...	Hot or not	Be it cheesecake or beefcake, we let you rate the actors using our very own Con 70 'spunk-o-meter'.
3pm – 4pm (1 hour)	Dress to impress – 1970's Sci-Fi costuming	OK, some 70's costumes LOOKED like 70's fashion and then there were others that were a little bit ... wrong. Get your flares on as we go back in time.	Movie poster art	Every film had one and some were really beautiful. Let's revisit a time when a poster could make or break a movie.
4pm – 5pm (1 hour)	I never met a space ship I didn't like!	Big ones, little ones, fast ones and really cool ones. The 70's proved not all space ships had to be shaped like a saucer.	Read all about it!	Magazines have been an important part of the 70's for news and entertainment. From professional to fan publications, let's look at these.
5pm – 6pm (1 hour)	Aliens and other bug eyed monsters	Remember the beach ball with feet in <i>Dark Star</i> ? What about the two mouthed singers in <i>BSG</i> ? Surely you remember the bubblewrap monsters from <i>Dr Who</i> ? And then of course there's THE alien. Boy have we got a panel for you!	The <i>Star Trek</i> phenomenon	Sure <i>Star Trek</i> was a 60's production, but it really found its mojo in the 70's with colour TV, re runs, <i>The Animated Series</i> , the aborted <i>Phase II</i> series and <i>The Motion Picture</i> .
6pm – 7:30pm (1 hour 30 mins)	Dinner			
7:30pm – 9:30pm (2 hours)	The great Con 70 indoor Drive-In	Join us for a classic 1970's Sci-Fi movie. No need to sneak inside a car boot to get in either. Enjoy our cinematic feature	The Great Con 70 Indoor Drive-In!	Just like a twin screen Drive-In, we give you a second choice of film to watch.

Monday – March 9, 2015

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10.30am – 11:30am (1 hour)	<i>Superman The Movie</i> , putting superheroes on the big screen	Some say it's still the best of the best. If ever a superhero movie was going to revolutionise a genre look no further. Let's fly down Lois... er, Memory Lane.	<i>Star Wars</i> clones and other B movies	In the late 70's Sci-Fi movies were made to cash-in on the success of <i>Star Wars</i> and boy do we have some to show you (wait till you see what the Italian's came up with)!
11:30am – 12.30pm (1 hour)	Blankety Blanks	"Instead of the Death Star plans, Princess Leia gave R2-D2 a <i>BLANK</i> ". Yes, the 1970's game show gets a Con 70 makeover. Now what would Cyril say to that!	An animated discussion	Japanese Anime was imported and remade for Western audiences. Let's check it out with our 1970's guide to Anime.
12:30pm – 1pm (30 mins)	Lunch		Lunch	
1pm – 2pm (1 hour)	<i>Doctor Who</i> on Channel 2	One of the mainstays of Science Fiction in the 1970's, we travel back in the TARDIS to look at this famous <i>Who</i> decade when Jon Pertwee and Tom Baker ruled supreme.	I remember seeing that movie!	Many 70's Sci-Fi movies have been forgotten over the past four decades. Join us as we reminisce such classics like <i>Soylent Green</i> , <i>Westworld</i> , <i>Silent Running</i> , <i>Dark Star</i> , <i>Rollerball</i> and many others.
2pm – 3pm (1 hour)	Goin' ape	Whilst made in the 60's, <i>Planet of the Apes</i> continued with the sequels, TV show and cartoon series in the 70's. Let's revisit this fantastic, yet somewhat underrated franchise.	Rare clips	It was a time long before the Internet and VCRs but by one means or another we kept on top of the happenings in Sci-Fi. Let's show you the things we discovered from that era.
3pm – 4pm (1 hour)	By the Lords of Kobol, it's <i>Battlestar Galactica</i>	Once considered a <i>Star Wars</i> clone, <i>Battlestar Galactica</i> has an enormous cult following that has spanned the decades. Yep, it's all about brown velour jackets and chromed bad guys.	Sci-Fi comedy	Game for a laugh? We'll show you the funny side of Science Fiction from <i>Quark</i> to <i>Mork</i> .
4pm – 5pm (1 hour)	"Insert coin"	When <i>Space Invaders</i> , <i>Galaxian</i> , <i>Asteroids</i> and a slew of other arcade games first came out, we had our first taste of Sci-Fi with buttons and a joystick and it only cost 20 cents!	It's the Con 70 last minute auction	Going once, going twice ... Here's your chance to buy a memento of the convention before we close up for good.
5pm – 6pm (1 hour)	The great debate – the ultimate battle of the BIG THREE!	This is the great 70's debate we just had to have: <i>Star Wars</i> vs <i>Battlestar Galactica</i> vs <i>Star Trek</i> . What is it that makes your choice a winner?	-	-
6pm – 6:30pm (30 mins)	Closing ceremony	All good things must come to an end and like the 70's we too must move into the future. Join us for our final wrap up and goodbyes.	-	-