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The Doctor Victorious by Maggie Birge-Caracappa and Debbie Yutko

David Tennant, best known for *Good Omens*, *Broadchurch*, and of course his stint as the 10th Doctor on *Doctor Who*, started his panel early on Friday morning, a good omen for the fans who were lucky enough to get a seat in the packed Marriott Atrium Ballroom. The entire mood of the panel from the beginning was energetic and playful, due in no small part to the energy coming from Tennant.

Tennant began by saying, "Everyone's always said to me, 'This is the best con in America.'" He appeared to be delighted with everything, including the pen and paper, the "purple awning" (aka the Dragon Con banner) that he said goes with his eyes, and wonder of wonders, the rolling chair. Upon being handed a wireless microphone, he started rolling around, cautiously at first and then with more enthusiasm. "It's a health and safety nightmare," he said with a laugh. "I see why Dragon Con's the best con! Pens, chairs, tables—you've got everything!"

His energy simply couldn't be contained to the stage, however. Whenever someone who was not able to go to the volunteers holding the microphones for the Q&A, Tennant would leap from the stage (despite the two sets of stairs at the front that were provided for him) and bring his microphone to us. It was quite the moment



for everyone who was suddenly confronted with a lanky, grinning Scotsman directly in front of them.

Tennant's favorites scenes in *Good Omens* were when he and Michael Sheen got to go through history and dress up in all the costumes. He said there were "various bits of hair" around as they went through the different periods in time. The show was "kind of dress-up anyway, but that was dress-up times 10." He said they'd both be expectantly waiting for the other one to emerge from makeup that morning to see what they looked like. He didn't mind the wigs or the heat of the desert in South Africa because he was too focused on dealing with the snake-eye contacts.

It didn't escape our notice that Tennant

often plays villains and one person asked if he found them difficult to play. "It doesn't seem to be a stretch," he said with a laugh. But he views his parts in shades of gray. "No character is evil or good... No one defines themselves like that. Everyone is on a spectrum of reality. Crowley is a very good example. He's supposed to be the epitome of evil and yet he's far from it and rather cuddly and rather kindly... a nicer creature than Aziraphale at times." He thinks the two characters balance each other out, neither all good nor all bad, which is true of everyone.

Asked whether he had to choose from the Doctor's TARDIS, Crowley's Bentley, or the desk chair as his sole means of transportation, Tennant lovingly rubbed the back of the desk chair, and sighed. "This chair feels like it could be dimensionally transcendental." But he ultimately said he'd have to choose the TARDIS. "All my life I've fantasized about having a TARDIS. You can go back and correct mistakes, change things, win the lottery... Time travel is a very seductive idea. It would be wonderful . . . and awful and destructive and terrible. Think of all the good you could do. And let's hope we'd all do good rather than just winning the lottery." Not having a TARDIS might be for the best. "But I would quite like one," he added with a sly smile.

Warehouse 13: 10th Anniversary by Alicia Pack

It's hard to believe it has already been 10 years since we were first introduced to the agents of *Warehouse 13*. On Friday at the Sheraton Grand Ballroom A-F, fans of the show filed into a packed room to see Eddie McClintock, Allison Scagliotti, and Mark Sheppard talk crossovers and careers.

In a perfect world, at least according to fans of the show, we'd see our favorite secret agents crossover into every show

and let them bag and tag away. When asked what shows the actors would like to crash, McClintock quickly replied *The Incredible Hulk* circa Bill Bixby, and Pete would play the role of Hulk Jr. or She-Hulk. For Scagliotti, she'd like to see them star alongside Lindsay Wagner in *The Bionic Woman*. Possibly the craziest response came from Sheppard's suggestion that Pete and Myka should invade the world of *Grey's Anatomy*.

The fact that *Warehouse 13* panels continue to pack rooms a decade later is a testament to the characters and the writing. One hopeful fan asked if there will ever be a reunion. McClintock said that he's talked to a casting director and Jack Kenny about the possibility. Unfortunately, the idea has hit a wall.

If the last sentence saddens you, there's something you can do: take to the almighty Twitter and show your interest!

Stan "The Man" Lee: A Tribute by Amanda Faith

As the lights dimmed, a hush fell over the room. The screens lit up. A video tribute to Stan Lee appeared. It's a collage of various cameos and rolls that Lee appeared in a variety of his movies. A man among men, Lee was iconic in the world of comics, as well as to humanity.

Friday afternoon in the Marriott Imperial Ballroom, the panel of Peter David, Colleen Doran, Lou Ferrigno, Mac Lee, George Perez, Roy Thomas, and Marv Wolfman recounted their interactions with Stan Lee. Doran remembered when Lee gave her his phone number. "All I could do was stare at the card. I couldn't believe I actually had Stan Lee's number." She said she kept that number in her Rolodex for twenty years, long after Rolodexes went out of style.

David was so impressed that Lee even knew his name. He recounted how Lee was the same on stage as well as off. Marc Lee told the audience about how

outgoing Stan was in the office. He was always outgoing. He was a great problem solver. He was realistic, and he always cared about people.

Perez was a freelancer at first. He was called into Lee's office. At first, he thought he was in trouble. He wasn't. Lee had heard Perez was working there and wanted to meet him. Perez was so thrilled, he brought back books for Lee to autograph, which Lee graciously did.

Ferrigno was inspired by Lee when he was 12 or 13 years old. He was hooked on the *Incredible Hulk* and wanted to be just like him. It motivated him to work out daily, which eventually won him the Mr. America and Mr. Universe titles, which led to his role as the *Incredible Hulk*.

Roy Thomas is Stan Lee's first successor as editor-in-chief of Marvel Comics. Even though Lee's roll in Thomas' life was more work related than friend-re-

lated, he states that Lee became one of the most important people in his life.

The panel was asked the question "What was Stan Lee's best element?" The answers, in no particular order, were:

- Emotional intelligence; he could really read people
- His never-ending energy; he was so full of life
- His appreciation of fans
- He was the spokesman for comics
- His enthusiasm

His best element? He was loved by all of us.

Stan Lee is missed, and will be for years to come. He made so many contributions in so many areas and became a part of people's lives. When Lee passed, a little bit of us went with him.

Excelsior!

Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt
M = Marriott
Hil = Hilton
AMI/2 = AmericasMart Bldg 1/2
S = Sheraton
W = Westin

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2019: Emily Andras, Asher Angel, Aaron-Michael Hall, Rachael Harris, Dirk Manning, Misty Massey, Jack McDevitt, Jorge Molina, Mark Pellegrino, Cherie Priest, Mercedes Lackey, Chris Schweizer.

ADDITIONS

***NEW* Reading Session: Anthony Francis**, Sat 11:30AM, Marietta (Hy).

Adam Bryce Thomas will be on "IDW Comics" Sat 11:30AM, 204J (Mart2).

***NEW* Author Signing: S.M. Stirling**, Sat 1PM, International Hall South 4-5 (M).

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Author Signing: Hawkings Austin, Sat 5:30PM, International Hall South 4-5 (M).

***NEW* Marc Allen Edelhiet** will be on "Prophecy, Rattling the Bones of an Old Device" Sat 8:30PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

***NEW* R.R. Virdi** will be on "The Isms: Looking at Classic Fantasy from the Viewpoint of Today" Sat 10PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

***NEW* Kenneth Hite** will be on "The Dark Magic of Folk Horror" Sun 2:30PM, Peachtree 1-2 (W).

***NEW* Jeanne Adams** will be on "The Dating Game, Fantasy Style" Sun 10PM, Embassy EF (Hy).

***NEW* "What We Do in the Shadows"** Sun 11:30PM, Peachtree (W).

Corinne O'Flynn will be on "Visitors from Beyond: Ghosts and Spirits in UF" Mon 1PM, Chastain 1-2 (W).

The Heart of a Puppeteer by Kelly McCorkendale

You may not know his face, but you know his voice. Or, at least versions of it. Kermit the Frog. Ernie. Rizzo the Rat. Beaker. Wembley. This is the legacy of Steve Whitmire, a Muppeteer from 1979 to 2016, who stopped by the Hyatt Hanover on Friday afternoon to talk about his storied career.

Whitmire grew up in the Atlanta area, something he acknowledged as he

CANCELLATIONS

***NEW* "The Magicians Cast"** Sat 11:30AM, Imperial Ballroom (M); Sun 1PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

***NEW* Asher Angel** will not be on "Shazam Cast: Hello from Captain Sparkle Fingers" Sat 1PM, Atrium Ballroom (M); "Asher Angel Acoustic Performance" Sat 7PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy); "Andi Mack Panel" Sun 1PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

***NEW* Ben Davis** will not be on "Chernobyl" Sat 1PM, 210-211 (Hil).

***NEW* Jason Stiff** will not be on "Animation Movers, Shakers, & Decision Makers" Sat 1PM, Grand East (Hil); "Cartoons that Curse" Sun 10PM, Galleria 4 (Hil).

***NEW* J.M. DeMatteis** will not be on "80 Years of Marvel Comics Time" Sat 2:30PM, International North (Hy).

Matt Ryan will not be on "Arrow/Legends Cast: Insights from the Inside" Sat 2:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

***NEW* Emily Andras will not be on** "Wynonna Earp Cast" Sun 4PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

Matthew J. Brown will not be on "Culture, Language & Its Use in Netflix's *Daredevil*" Sat 5:30PM, M301 (M).

Chris Schweizer will not be on "How Art School Can Prepare You to Make Great Comic" Sat 5:30PM, 204I (AM2).

Michelle Schusterman will not be on "Tweens Read, Too: Middle Grade Books" Sun 10AM, A707 (M); "Fannish YA" Sun 4PM, A707 (M); "Writing YA: Crafting Charac-

ters" Sun 5:30PM, A707 (M).

***NEW* Paige Gardner** will not be on "GBTQ Relationships in Entertainment & Popular Culture" Sun 4PM, Inman (Hy).

Valentine Wolfe/Sarah Black will not be on "Slayer Support: A Buffy Fan Panel" Sun 5:30PM, Chastain 1-2 (W).

***NEW* Jon Boutelle** will not be on "Solve This!" Sun 7PM, Regency V (Hy); "Make the Bad Men Stop, 2019 edition, v2" Mon 2:30PM, Athens (S).

Zachary Levi will not be on "Shazam Cast: Qualities of a Hero" Mon 10AM, Centennial II-III (Hy).

UPDATES

***NEW* "The Gifted Cast: Xtra Special"** Sat 11:30AM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

***NEW* Reading: S.M. Stirling**, was Sat 1PM, Sun Sat 5:30PM, International Hall South 4-5 (M).

"HamilTunes: An American Sing-Along at Dragon Con" was Sat 5:30PM, Grand East (Hil), now Sat 8:30PM, Grand West (Hil).

"The Boys Cast: Herogasm" was Mon 10AM, Atrium Ballroom (M), now Sat 5:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"A No-Maj in a Wizard World: An Hour with Dan Fogler" Sat 5:30PM, was Imperial Ballroom (M), now Grand East (Hil).

***NEW* "Zachary Levi, Live!"** Sun 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

"Google is Skynet" (was "The Terminator, I Robot, Chappie, Wall-E") Mon 1PM, 204-207 (Hil).

took the stage, saying he'd just eaten at the Silver Skillet and expressing gratitude to be spending time where his artistry blossomed, despite coming from a home that had "nothing to do with anything to do with the arts."

"I was an incredible fan of what Jim [Henson] was doing," Whitmore said of watching Rowlf the Dog on *The Jimmy Dean Show*, reading about Henson

Sat 10PM, International South (Hy).



Ten Forward Party

DJ THX is your helmsman for a musical journey through time in the annual Trek Track dance party that brings you the best from the classics to today and beyond. Sat 10PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).



The Heroes & Villains Ball

The Video Gaming Track invites you to Dragon Con's biggest ball of all. The Heroes & Villains are back again. Enjoy the musical stylings of DJ Spider while you dance the night away under our mind-controlling dance lights of doom. You won't even need your supersuit. 21+ event, ID required. No outside liquids; bags will be checked. Mature Audiences Only. Sat 10PM, Whitehall Ballroom at 200 Peachtree St.



The Last Party on Alderaan

Dragon Con's premiere house, EDM, pop, anything music dance party. You

in *TV Guide*, and of discovering *Sesame Street* in its first season in 1969.

"I never thought I was going to work for Jim," he said. But, he did, and because of that he was able to regale the audience with fun stories from sets over the years. He said some of his favorite scenes to do as Kermit the Frog are cameos when Kermit is just a normal guy on the street.

never know who might drop by, but you can bet the party will be jumping for hours. Let's party like it's the end of the world! Sat 10PM, Grand Salon (Hil).



The North Remembers How to Party

Join us for Dragon Con's *Game of Thrones*-themed party, featuring music, dancing, costumes, and absolutely no beheadings. Sat 10PM, Grand East (Hil).



The Spectrum: A Rainbow Flag Party for LGBTQ Geeks & Allies

This party welcomes all of Dragon Con's LGBTQ attendees to enjoy a party just for you. DJ Neon spins the beats and our go-go grllz 'n' boyz dance for you in "The Twisted Adventures of Alice Somewhere Over the Rainbow," a storybook-themed party. 21+ to party, must have valid photo ID to enter. Mature Audiences Only. Sat 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

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Matchgame in the 25th Century

Become a contestant as Gil Gerard (Buck Rogers himself) brings back the classic game show. Sat 7PM, International North (Hy).



Georgia Philharmonic Orchestra Presents

A special musical experience! Hear live symphonic versions of some of your favorite scores from iconic films and TV shows. Sat 7:30PM, Centennial II-III (Hy).



Queerios Group Meetup

We've met on Facebook—now meet everyone in person. All your Queerios friends are invited to this meetup. Afterward we will trek over to the Spectrum LGBTQ Party to celebrate diversity and geekdom together. Sat 8:30PM, 309-312 (Hil).



YA Team Trivia

Do you know your YA books? How about those YA books made into films? Come with a team of up to six people and get ready to test your skills. Prizes for the top three teams! Sat 10PM, A707 (M).



Saturday Charity Events

Proceeds benefit the 2019 Dragon Con charity, the Atlanta Affiliate of the American Heart Association.

MSFM Charity Games & Crafts

We'll have card games, board games, and activity stations for a chill, relaxing evening of crafting & gaming! Donations to the Dragon Con Charity are welcome at this time as we have fun and give back. Kid Friendly. Sat 8:30PM, Chastain DE (W).

MSFM Charity Team Trivia Night

Charity donations are suggested for teams entering the contest as we raise money for the American Heart Association. Mature Audiences Only. Sat 10PM, Chastain DE (W).

Midnight Games & Charity Coloring

Let's play Werewolf and other late-night party games. Plus, late-night Coloring for Charity. We are going to play till we drop! Sat 11:30PM, Embassy EF (Hy).



Check the mobile app, the Quick Start Guide, or the *Daily Dragon* website for more information on events and parties!

PKE Surge Cosplay Prom Class of 1984

Everybody Wang Chung the night away in your most elegant Ghostbuster uniform or any other formalwear or formal cosplay from the awesome '80s. Sat 7PM, M103-105 (M).



PromWatch

PromWatch is a chance for you to have fun and dress as your favorite hero in formalwear like tuxedos and cocktail dresses. Go all out with gala wear or a simple black-tie look! All-ages event—to bring or partake in any alcohol, you must be 21+. Sat 7PM, Augusta A-B (W).



Bond & Cocktails: Shaken Not Stirred

Cocktail hour, James Bond style. Don your tuxedos and fancy dress for a cocktail hour filled with murder mystery and all things James Bond in celebration of 50 years of various films in the franchise. Mature Audiences Only.