The Murder of Jane Crow Band Flies into DC  
by Amy Herring

Fascinated by the unique name and online presence, I asked Jane Crow from The Murder of Jane Crow band for more details.

**Daily Dragon (DD):** Please describe your musical style. Do any genre labels fit?

**The Murder of Jane Crow (MJC):** Classical Cabaret Gypsy Goth! The feedback we get at literally every show we play is that we don’t sound like anything anyone has ever heard before, so that’s the closest description we can come up with. We are currently performing as a duo—myself on vocals and piano, and Jimmy Branham, a metalhead gone classical, on acoustic guitar.

**DD:** What is your music about? Does it relate to your unique band name?

**MJC:** Well, a group of crows is called a murder, and this is my group of musical crows, hence the band name! Crows have been known to symbolize bad luck and death, but also magic and mystery, and our music encapsulates those themes, from misfortune and grief to true love and happiness, all with an undercurrent of existential angst and the universal struggle of trying to find our place in a bizarre and beautiful universe that we’ll never quite wrap our minds around. The band name is also reminiscent of an Edgar Allan Poe story title, which is fitting considering our oftentimes morbid and macabre sound and lyrical content.

**DD:** What or who are your biggest influences or inspirations in performing? In songwriting?

**MJC:** My first musical love was Patsy Cline—her deep, soulful voice transformed my little world and made me feel in ways I never knew before. But Tori Amos was pretty much my ultimate inspiration; her songwriting style was not only innovative but powerful and supercharged with emotion, and when I heard her music, I knew what I wanted to do with my life. I actually taught myself to play piano from her songbooks when I was a teenager. I was also a huge Nine Inch Nails fan at that time and loved the way they embraced darker and more taboo themes and imagery within their music. Kate Bush was another big influence over my sound and songwriting style. Outside of the pop realm, I’ve always been a big admirer of German lieder—art songs for piano and voice—particularly as composed by Schubert and Brahms, and I’ve been known to rip off Beethoven from time to time for my own selfish purposes!

**DD:** What’s it like to perform at Dragon Con?

**MJC:** Insane. Intense. And so much fun! From busking at our merch table to hauling our gear through thousands of beautiful people from one hotel to another and fulfilling our lively performance schedule, it is work work work from sun-up to sun-down—a hustle we look forward to each year! This is The Murder’s third trip to Dragon Con as performers, for which we are deeply grateful.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

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**Dragon Con’s Pin-ups by the Pool**

Don your best poolside pin-up attire… there’s gonna be a pin-up competition! Register for the competition poolside 30 minutes before the party begins. Judges will be mixing and mingling in the fray, so don’t be a wallflower. Remember the judges love a nerdy twist to your pin-up creation! Fri 8:30PM, Sheraton Pool and Courtyard.

**Can’t Stop the Signal Dance**

Aim to misbehave at the shiny 3rd Annual Can’t Stop the Signal Dance, celebrating Firefly and Serenity! Bring your dollars for charity and dance like no power in the ‘Verse can stop you as DJ Phasim spins our shindig! Proceeds benefit the American Heart Association. Mature Audiences Only. Sat 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

**K-Pop Dance Party!**

Turn down the lights, kick on the strobe, crank up the volume, and party! Come show off your best moves to some of the best K-Pop songs. Get up and dance to your favorite grooves alongside hundreds of your fellow K-Pop fans! Fri 8:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

**An Evening at Bree**

The annual Tolkien celebration offers dancing and frivolity, plus a much-anticipated costuming contest and awards! Fri 8:30PM, Grand West (Hil).

**Zombie Prom**

The one night of Dragon Con when the decomposing horde reigns! Spend hours shimmying and shambling across the dance floor to the sounds of DJ D’Vinci, lurch into a prom photo, or possibly even be crowned Prom King or Queen. Fri 10PM, Grand Salon (Hil).

**K-Pop Dance Party**

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).

**Toon-Age Sock Hop**

Hey, Daddy-O! Remember the Happy Days of Cartoons? Fluff out your poofy hairdo and come show off your best moves from the awesome Class of 1984. Sat 7PM, Augusta A–B (W).

**PromWatch**

PromWatch is back for its second year! 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).

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Schedule Changes

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

CORRECTION
“Dragon Con’s Pin-ups by the Pool” will be Fri 8:30PM (not 7:30PM), Pool and Courtyard (S).

ADDITIONS
Matthew Charles Malis will be on “The Princess Bride Roleplaying Game: Interactive Liveplay!” Thu 7PM, Augusta 1-2 (Westin).

Marx Pyle will be on “One True Pairing?” Fri 5:30PM, M301 (M).

Reading Session: Glenn Parris, Fri 7PM, Marietta (Hy).

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

Author Signing: Glenn Parris, Sat 1PM, International Hall South 4-5 (M).

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2019 Dragon Con Parade Route

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Enter the Hallway Costume Contest

Have a great costume but too shy to get on stage for the Masquerade? Try the lower-key Hallway Costume Contest! Contest staff will be taking photos all weekend at the Contest Registration table in front of the Centennial Ballroom in the Hyatt. Contestant photos will be displayed on monitors near the registration table by Sunday morning. Voting takes place on Facebook, and the photos with the most likes by Sunday at 5PM are the winners! Winners will be announced at the Masquerade on Sunday evening.

Saturday Charity Events

All proceeds benefit the official 2019 Dragon Con charity, the Atlanta Affiliate of the American Heart Association.

Ultimate Geek Trivia for Charity

It’s a battle of wits for a good cause! Bring 12 friends or meet 12 friendly strangers and compete against 20+ teams! Donations requested, not required, donations matched by Dragon Con. Fri 8PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

Coloring for Charity

Want to get out of the bustle for a little while? Come and wind down by coloring! For a coloring book or coloring page, there is a suggested donation for the Dragon Con charity. Fri 8:30PM, Regency V (Hy).

Classic Sci-Fi Charity Theater: Mac & Me

Witness the 1988 kid-meets-alien movie that totally was not an, um, homage to E.T. It’s this year’s movie watch for charity—you have to donate to the Dragon Con charity to get IN. Fri 8:30PM, M103–M105 (M).

Star Wars Game Night

Bring your favorite Star Wars game to share and play with new friends. We’ll have copies of the Han Solo card game on hand, but feel free to bring your favorites and find a group to play with. Donations for charity are encouraged. Fri 10PM, A706 (M).

Late-Night Ultimate Geek Trivia for Charity, Hosted by Lt. Moxie Magnus

It’s another battle of wits for a good cause! Bring 12 friends or meet 12 friendly strangers and compete against 20+ teams to see if your group can win Ultimate Geek Trivia. Comedy may not be for younger ears. Donations requested, not required. Fri 10PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

CANCELLATIONS
Matthew J. Brown will not be on “Look for What’s Not There: Hidden Biases in SF Media” Fri 2:30PM, M301 (M); “Challenging Gender & Disability Representation in Star Trek” Fri 4PM, Galleria 2-3 (Hil); “Culture, Language & Its Use in Netflix’s Daredevil” Sat 5:30PM, M301 (M).

Michelle Schusterman will not be on “Timetourner: Hogwarts in the ’70s” Fri 2:30PM, A601–A602 (M); “Tweens Read, Too: Middle Grade Books” Sun 10AM, A707 (M); “Fannish YA” Sun 4PM, A707 (M); “Writing YA: Crafting Characters” Sun 5:30PM, A707 (M).

Cooper Andrews will not be on “Shazam Cast: Say My Name!” Fri 4PM, Centennial II–III (Hy).

Chris Schweizer will not be on “Animat’ed Education” Fri 5:30PM, Galleria 4 (Hil); “How Art School Can Prepare You to Make Great Comic” Sat 5:30PM, 204I (AM2).

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

Legend of the Chosen Contest at the Georgia Aquarium

On this 32nd gathering of the Dragon on, we declare that the most faithful shall enter the great Sea on Earth known as the Georgia Aquarium and shall be witnessed by the Spirits of the Deep, who will decide the Chosen. On August 31, Dragon Con presents The Chosen, the greatest Cosplay Contest on Earth and Sea. Join fantastic emcees, along with a panel of celebrity cosplay judges, for an experience that promises to be out of this world.

“The Chosen” is an open event that will feature the top 20 costumes from around the world. Contest staff will be taking photos all weekend. Voting takes place on Facebook, and the photos with the most likes by Sunday at 5PM are the winners! Some winners will be announced at the Masquerade on Sunday evening.

We will need your correct name and badge number in order to enter the contest. You may also purchase a digital copy of your official entry picture for $10, with the proceeds going to the American Heart Association, the 2019 Dragon Con charity of the year.

The first-place winner will receive a three-night paid hotel stay for Dragon Con, a seat as a judge at the Chosen contest, and two VIP admissions to Dragon Con Night at the Georgia Aquarium for 2020. Second place receives $200 and third place $100 in Dealer Dollars to spend at the Dragon Con Vendor/Exhibitor Hall.

Daily Dragon Tweets

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Furry Meet & Greet

For the furry or the furry curious: a meetup of Dragon Con proportions. Come hang out and make new friends with other fans of the anthropomorphic genres. Fri 7PM, 309–312 (Hil).

Fantasy Gather

The best gathering around of authors and fans. Mingle with authors and fellow readers alike. Who knows what surprises and treasures you will find… you will be sure to leave with new friends and even a few more books! Fri 8PM, Hanover C–E (Hy).

Are You a Deatheater?


Friday Night Costuming Contest

Entrants will complete in Youth, Novice, Journeyman, and Master Class categories in this costume contest focused on workmanship. Cheer on your favorites and vote in the Social Media category on the official Dragon Con Facebook. Fri 8:30PM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Klingon Karaoke

yljah, Qey’ ‘Leila McMichael is your host for the gaghtiest musical event of the season. You haven’t lived until you’ve seen Chancellor Gowron rock out to “Dancing Queen”! Fri 10PM, Galleria 2-3 (Hil).

Video Game Improv

Our favorite characters from Video Games get down and dirty with delicious dialog. We honestly have no idea what is going to happen, and we like it that way! Mature Audience Only. Fri 10PM, Augusta E–H (W).

Coffee and Coloring

Take a break from the Georgia heat and relax while we color, converse, and drink enormous amounts of coffee. (Bring your own coffee!) Sat 8:30AM, Augusta E–H (W).

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