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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 metal-head 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 of 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.

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.

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).

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).

Toon-Age Sock Hop

Hey, Daddy-O! Remember the Happy Days of Cartoons? Fluff out your poodle skirt and put a rockabilly twist on your fave animated cosplay. This Electro-Swing party will knock your socks off! Fri 8:30PM, Grand East (Hil).

The Temporal Formal Dance, A Silver Screen Soiree

Travel to the height of glitz and glamour in Hollywood's Golden Age. Dance to classic ballroom numbers and the geekiest of dance-able themes from all

eras. Formal attire strongly encouraged. Come as your favorite character in formal ensemble or dress to impress. Fri 10PM, International South (Hy).

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. Fri 10PM, Peachtree Ballroom (W).

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).

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 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).

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. 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. 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 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).

Check out the Parties page on the Daily Dragon website for more!

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: Aaron-Michael Hall, Rachael Harris, Dirk Manning, Misty Massey, Jack McDevitt, 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).

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

2019 Dragon Con Parade Route



Enter the Hallway Costume Contest

Have a great cosplay 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

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 “Timeturner: Hogwarts in the ‘70s” Fri 2:30PM, A601-A602 (M); “Twins Read, Too: Middle Grade Books” Sun 10AM, A707 (M); “Fannish YA” Sun 4 PM, 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 “Animating 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).

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

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

UPDATES

“**Women In Caskets Podcast: Monsters, Movement & Movies.**” The Women in Caskets record their podcast live at Dragon Con to discuss the evolution of cinematic creatures and the people who play them. Fri 7PM, Galleria 7 (Hil).

“**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).

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

Legend of the Chōsen Contest at the Georgia Aquarium

On this 32nd gathering of the Dragon, 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 Chōsen. On August 31, Dragon Con presents The Chōsen, 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 Chōsen” is an open event that will feature the top 20 costumes from our onsite pre-screening. To enter, simply be there early. Pre-judging will

begin at 6PM. For contest registration, enter aquarium door across from Johnny Rockets starting at 5:30PM. Entries will be accepted through 7PM, and the top 20 entries will be posted by 7:30PM to participate in “The Chōsen,” which begins promptly at 8:30PM.

The first-place winner will receive a three-night paid hotel stay for Dragon Con, a seat as a judge at the Chōsen 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.

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 OUT. 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).

Daily Dragon Tweets

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Furry Meet & Greet

For the fursuiter 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?

A *Harry Potter*-themed Mafia-style game! Instructions available online: https://www.dragoncon.org/wp-content/uploads/PDF/Rules_Deatheater.pdf. Fri 8:30PM, International South (Hy).



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 gaghtastic 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 Audiences 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!