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The Daily Dragon

Thrones & Bones:

An Interview with Lou Anders by Amy Herring

Hugo Award-winning editor and Chesley Award-winning art director **Lou Anders**, a frequent guest at Dragon Con, has donned yet another hat, a Viking helmet, as he celebrates the release of *Frostborn*, the first book in his new middle-reader, fantasy-adventure trilogy, *Thrones & Bones*.

Daily Dragon (DD): *You've been an editor of adult and Young Adult (YA) science fiction and fantasy for many years. What motivated you to write a fantasy series for children/middle readers?*

Lou Anders (LA): A number of factors coming together. First, I'm becoming increasingly interesting in middle grade fiction as the place where imagination can be so wonderfully

unbridled, fun is required, and action-adventure is the word of the day. Then, while I'm enormously proud of the books I've edited over the last decade plus, my own children are a few years away from being able to read them, and I wanted something they could read and enjoy now.

DD: *You have shared illustrated cards for Thianna, Karn, Sydian, and a two-headed troll. Will these or more Thrones & Bones cards be available at Dragon Con? Can we expect a trading card game to be avail-*



able in the future?

LA: The cards will indeed be at Dragon Con. I'm going to be doing a signing at The Missing Volume booksellers out of their Exhibit Booth (#328, 329, & 330) on Saturday, August 30th. *Frostborn* cover and interior artist Justin Gerard will be with me, so readers can get the book signed by both the author and the artist. The card art, however, was done by Andrew Bosley, who also did the character art on the *Thrones & Bones* website.

Visit Anders at his Dragon Con panel appearances and at the Prometheus Books/Pyr booth in the Exhibit Hall, #424 & 425.

Read the complete interview on the Daily Dragon website.

2014 Dragon Con Food Drive

In support of our 2014 Charity, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Dragon Con will also be hosting a food drive during the convention. We'll have collection bins located in the Sheraton near registration. Not sure what to bring? Some of the most needed food items are:

- Whole grain foods
- Whole wheat pasta
- Brown rice
- Whole grain cereal
- Whole wheat flour
- Whole grain crackers
- Plain oatmeal
- Shelf stable milk (cow, soy, rice, etc.)

- Fruit, dried or canned in light syrup or juice
- Low-sodium, no salt added vegetables
- Low-sodium pasta sauce in plastic container
- Foods high in protein
- Natural peanut butter (no hydrogenated oil)
- Dried beans
- Dried peas
- Dried lentils
- Canned tuna—in water, not oil
- Canned salmon—in water, not oil
- Canned chicken—in water, not oil

- Unsalted nuts
- 100% fruit and/or vegetable juice
- Cooking oil
- Olive oil
- Canola oil

Families and individuals who struggle to put food on the table also have a tough time with the household essentials that many of us take for granted. In addition to food, these non-food items are greatly needed and appreciated:

- Paper products
- Diapers
- Toiletries

Come Drive With Me... to the Blood Drive, That Is!

by Amanda Faith

One of the most important events happening at Dragon Con is the Blood Drive. LifeSouth is the sponsor again this year.

In 2013, there were 2,972 donors and 7,544 units of blood were collected. Let's see if our fantastic con-goers can beat this.

The process is simple. Check in with the friendly and efficient staff at the desk with a picture ID (which is required). Then you are on your way to giving the gift of life. Drinks and snacks are provided as you congregate with other con-goers once you are done. Each donor re-

ceives a special Dragon Con Blood Drive t-shirt and a chance to win other cool stuff.

There will be two locations to participate:

- Room A701-A702 of the Marriott
- Atlanta Ballroom of the Sheraton (next to the conference registration), Thursday and Friday only

Blood drive hours:

- Thursday 11AM-8PM
- Friday-Sunday 10AM-7PM
- Monday 9AM-3PM

Come join in and donate for a worthy cause!



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Schedule Changes

Hy = Hyatt
M = Marriott
Hil = Hilton
S = Sheraton
W = Westin

The following previously confirmed presenters will not be able to attend Dragon Con 2014: **Jennifer Kalamanson, Candy Keane, Dean O’Gorman, Anthony Spay, Chris Vickers**

Additions

“Star Citizen Tournament” Dragon Con and Cloud Imperium Games are pleased to announce that Dragon Con will be hosting a tournament of Cloud Imperium’s highly anticipated, upcoming release, *Star Citizen*. Tournament participants will have the opportunity to attend a *Star Citizen* Flight Academy on Fri 11:30AM, Room 212-214 (Hil), with Ben Lesnick, the Community Manager for Star Citizen; competition rounds will start immediately following. The cost for the *Star Citizen* tournament is \$5, entrance fee and registration available on-site at Gaming Registration on the Galleria level of the Hilton during normal hours Thurs and in the LAN Gaming area Fri.

“Michael Cook Talks Leather and Costumes” Learn from a master on using leather to add authenticity and detail into your cosplay experience! Fri 1PM, L401-L403 (M).

Alan Siler will be on “An Hour with the 6th Doctor: Colin Baker” Fri 4PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

Kimberly Brooks will be on “Voice Acting from the Pros” Fri 4PM, Grand East (Hil).

“Tolkien Costuming Q&A” Come join us for an open floor discussion on the costumes seen in LotR and The Hobbit. Beginning with patterning and working our way through prop building, armor leather working, wig ventilating, and much more! Fri 4PM, L401-L403 (M).

David Farland will be on “Magical Tactics” Fri 4PM, Embassy C (Hil).

Lev Grossman will be reading Fri 5:30PM, Roswell (Hy).

“Dad’s Garage Radio LIVE” Join Lucky Yates, Amber Nash, and Mike Schatz for a live recording of Dad’s Garage Radio! News from the improv world and unexpected personal revelations. Fri 8:30PM, 203 (Hil).

Alex Hughes will be doing a reading Sat 11:30AM, Edgewood (Hy).

M.B. Weston will be on “Hobbit Book to Film: Genius or Shark-Jumping?” Sat 1PM, L401-L403 (M).

Monte James Cook will be signing autographs. Sat 1PM, Int’l South (M).

Shanna Germain will be signing autographs. Sat 1PM, Int’l South (M).

Christie Golden will be signing autographs Sat 4PM, Int’l South (M).

Alex Murawski will be on “Jack Davis Foundation: An Artist Retrospective” Sat 5:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

“The Mike McFarland 1-Hour Question and Answer Extravaganza!” Spend some time with Mike as he flies solo to answer your questions about his work on Dragon Ball Z, Fullmetal Alchemist, Attack On Titan, and more! Sat 5:30PM, Courtland (Hy).

Chuck Campbell will emcee “Dragon Con Guest of Honor Awards Banquet” Sat 7PM, Regency VI-VII (Hy).

Alex Hughes will be signing autographs Sun 10AM, Int’l Hall South (M).

Jack H. Walsh will be doing a reading Sun 10AM, Marietta (Hy).

Aaron J. Sagers will be on “The Last Ship” Sun 7PM, Augusta Ballroom (W).

Sci-Fried will be playing on Sun 7PM, Concourse (Hil).

“Roundtable on Race, Gender, & Sexuality in Comics & Fandom” Open forum for discussing issues of race, gender, and sexuality that arise in the comics industry and fandom with Matthew J. Brown, Kari Storla, Daniel Amrhein, Vickie Willis, and John Flowers. Sun 10PM, Hanover F (Hy).

“Scott Sigler—One for the Junkies” *New York Times* best-selling novelist and podcaster Scott Sigler and A Kovacs bring tentacles and mayhem to this panel. Sun 10PM, 203 (Hil).

Tracy Hickman will be on “All-Star ’80s Reunion.” Mon 1PM, Imperial Ballroom (M).

Cancellations

Dean O’Gorman will not be on “Guests from Middle Earth!” Fri 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M); “Tolkien Guests” Sat 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M); “Hobbit and LOTR Guests” Sun 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M); and “Hobbit and LOTR Guests” Mon 11:30AM, Atrium Ballroom (M).

Georgia McBride will not be on “What’s Next in Urban Fantasy?” Fri 1PM, Chastain ED (W); and “The Undeadz” Fri 2:30PM, A708 (M).

Chris Vickers will not be on “Para 101: Truths and Misconceptions” Fri 2:30PM, Valdosta (S); “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” Sat 5:30PM, Augusta (S); “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” Sun 11:30AM, Valdosta (S); and “Para 101: Truths and Misconceptions” Sun 4PM, Augusta (S).

Joe Flanigan will not be on “Super-gate: Apophis & Son & Co.” Fri 2:30PM, Peachtree Ballroom A-F (W).

Tracy Hickman will not be on “Cult Classics of the ’80s.” Fri 2:30PM, Imperial Ballroom (M); and “Shroud of the Avatar: Roundtable.” Sun 4PM, Grand Salon D (Hil).

Rob Levy will not be on “An Hour with the 6th Doctor: Colin Baker” Fri 4PM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

Anthony Spay will not be on “Zenescop” Fri 5:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

“BritTrack Book Swap” Sat 10AM, Macon (S).

Christie Golden will not be signing autographs Sat 1PM, Int’l South (M).

Katie Cassidy will not be on “Arrow: It’s Complicated!” Sat 2:30PM, Cent’l II-III (Hy).

Tom Heintjes will not be on “Jack Davis Foundation: An Artist Retrospective” Sat 5:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

Spencer Perry will not be on “You’ve Seen the Movie, Now What?” Sat 8:30PM, Hanover F (Hy).

Erin Leigh Bushko will not be on “Costuming: Dieselpunk & The Great Wars” Sun 4PM, Augusta I & III (W).

Travis Scott Merrill will not be on

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James Urbaniak will not be on “Joseph Scrimshaw and The Comedy of Doom” Sun 5:30PM, Grand Ballroom West (Hil).

Brobdignagian Bards will not be playing on Sun 7PM, Concourse (Hil).

Yale Stewart will not be on “Webcomics” Sun 7PM, 201 (Hil).

Aaron Fever will not be on “From Fiction to Film” Sun 10PM, Embassy D-F (Hy).

“Shadows of the Paranormal: Searching for the Truth” Mon 10AM, Augusta (S).

J. August Richards will not be on “Guests of the Whedon Universe” Mon 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom A-F (S).

“New Developments in Antiviral Therapy: A Case for Hepatitis C” Mon 11:30AM, 207/206/205/204 (Hil).

Updates

“Welcome to Middle-earth” moved from Fri 11:30AM to Fri 10AM, L401-L403 (M).

“Reading: Professor Satyre” moved from Fri 2:30PM to Sat 5:30PM, University (Hy).

“Tolkien Costuming By the Book” moved from Fri 4PM to Sat 2:30PM, L401-L403 (M).

“Growing Up Potter” moved from the Grand East Ballroom (Hil) to the Grand Ballroom A-F (S), Fri 7PM.

“Orphan Black” moved from Sat 7PM to Sun 7PM, Macon (S).

“Portalarium Games Presents Shroud of the Avatar” moved from Sun 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil) to Mon 1PM, Grand Salon E (Hil).

“The Musketeers” moved from Sun 1PM to Sun 2:30PM, Macon (S).

“Costuming: Dieselpunk & The Great Wars” moved from Sun 2:30PM to Sun 4PM, Augusta I & III (W).

“Open Museum Hours” moved from Sun 4PM to Sun 2:30PM, Augusta I & III (W).

“The Worlds of Terry Pratchett” moved from Sun 7PM to Sat 10AM, Macon (S).

“So You Want to Make a Fan Film?” moved from Mon 11:30AM to Sun 8:30PM, L401-L403 (M).

“Arrow: When the Shadows Fall Away” moved from Mon 1PM, Centennial II-III (Hy), to Atrium Ballroom (M).

“Arrow: Vertigo with a Mirakuru Chaser” moved from Mon 1PM to Mon 2:30PM, M301-302 (M).

“Linear vs Non-Linear Narrative in Shroud of the Avatar” moved from Mon 1PM, Grand Salon E (Hil) to Sun 11:30AM, Grand Ballroom East (Hil).

“Game of Thrones: The Bestiary” moved from Mon 2:30PM to Mon 1PM, M301-302 (M).

See the complete list of schedule changes on the Daily Dragon website, or download the latest changes in the Dragon Con app.

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MON: 10:00AM-5:00PM

Sheraton Store

THU: 10:00AM-10:00PM

FRI: 9:00AM-6:00PM

SAT: 9:00AM-5:00PM

SUN: 10:00AM-4:00PM

Vendor Hall Store

FRI: 1:00-7:00PM

SAT-SUN: 10:00AM-7:00PM

MON: 10:00AM-5:00PM



Walk of Fame Is in the Marriott

The Walk of Fame will be located in the Marquis Ballroom on the Marquis Level at the Marriott. One part of the printed Pocket Program lists an incorrect location.



Newbies Walking Tour

Want to know the best way to get from one hotel to another? Need to learn where the food court is? If so, come on this walking tour and find out! Organized by the Dragon Con Newbies Facebook group. Thu 4PM, A601-602 (Marriott).



Newbies Meet and Greet Social

Meet fellow first time con attendees and many longtime attendees in a casual social setting. Ask questions and learn about the awesomeness that is Dragon Con. Hosted by members of the Dragon Con Newbies Facebook group. Thu 5:30PM, A601-602 (Marriott).



The Aether Lounge

Need a place to rest your top hat before Dragon Con begins? Join the Alternate History Track for a meet-and-greet with regulars and newbies alike. Thu 8:30PM, Augusta Ballroom (Westin).



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