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**GEORGE TAKEI, DAVID TENNANT, AND ONCE UPON A TIME'S LANA PARRILLA LEAD ALL-STAR LIST OF
CAPED CRUSADERS, SPACE EXPLORERS, AND DENIZENS OF THE SUPERNATURAL**

Guests from Star Trek, Star Wars, Gotham, Shazam!, The Orville, Doctor Who, and other top television shows and movies will meet their fans at Dragon Con

ATLANTA – July 02, 2019 – George Takei, Lana Parrilla, and David Tennant lead a long list of celebrity guests headed to Dragon Con, Atlanta’s internationally known pop culture, fantasy, science fiction, and gaming convention, for Labor Day weekend.

Scottish actor David Tennant, the Tenth Doctor of *Doctor Who* fame, makes a career of bringing fans’ favorite characters to life. Other noted roles of his include *Jessica Jones’s* Kilgrave, the voice of *DuckTales’* Scrooge McDuck, and most recently the demonically charming Crowley of *Good Omens*.

Known for playing Hikaru Sulu in the original *Star Trek* television series and its first six feature films, George Takei has had a varied career as an actor, writer, and community activist. Fans of ABC’s *Once Upon a Time* will recognize Lana Parrilla for her award-winning role as the Evil Queen and Mayor of Storybrooke from the show’s nine-year run.

Other top guests from television and movies including Zachary Levi from this summer’s superhero hit *Shazam!*, Joonas Suotamo (Chewbacca from the last four *Star Wars* movies), *Doctor Who’s* Catherine Tate and Freema Agyeman, and David Ramsey from CW’s *Legends of Tomorrow* and other *Arrowverse* programs will be among the fan favorites on hand to lead discussions, talk with fans, and sign autographs during the five-day convention.

An estimated 85,000 fans will travel to Atlanta from all 50 states and several foreign countries to take part in Dragon Con 2019 – filling downtown Atlanta over Labor Day Weekend, August 29 to September 2 – with events and activities across AmericasMart Buildings #1 and #2 and five host hotels – Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Marriott Marquis, Hilton Atlanta, Westin Peachtree, and Sheraton Atlanta.

“We are delighted to have so many guests from so many of today’s most popular or, in the case of classic science fiction, best-loved shows and movies to join us this year,” convention co-chair Rachel Reeves said. “Overall, we will have some 400 guests – not just celebrities, but also actors, authors, artists, and other creators and experts – from across science, science fiction and fantasy worlds, comic books, gaming, and digital media.”

Fans of *Star Wars*' plucky soccer-ball droid BB-8 will have a chance to meet his puppeteers, Dave Chapman and Brian Herring. They will be joined by other puppetry guests this year at Dragon Con, including guests from Netflix's *The Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance*.

Dragon Con is set to celebrate *Batman*'s 80th Anniversary with four actors from Fox's hit series, *Gotham*, including Sean Pertwee (Alfred), Robin Lord Taylor (Penguin), Maggie Geha (Ivy) and David Mazouz (Bruce Wayne).

Star Trek fans can debate the various merits of CBS's *Star Trek: Discovery* versus Fox's *The Orville*. Anson Mount, *Discovery*'s Captain Pike, Shazad Latif, Emily Coutts, and Ethan Peck, as well as a crew of *Orville* cast members – Mark Jackson, Peter Macon, Chad Coleman, and J. Lee will be on hand to meet with fans, sign autographs, and lead panels about these space exploration fan favorites.

With no reason to wait for a reunion, Dragon Con will host seven cast members from CW's *Supernatural*, which will end its incredible 15-year run in 2020. Mark Sheppard, Samantha Smith, Mark Pellegrino, Osric Chau, Ruth Connell, DJ Qualls, and Ty Olsson will all join Dragon Con fans for this year's convention.

Farscape will celebrate its 20th Anniversary at Dragon Con, with Lani John Tupo, Anthony Simcoe, Rebecca Riggs, and fan favorite Gigi Edgley.

For fans of the MTV generation, Robert Englund, Freddy Krueger from *The Nightmare on Elm Street* franchise will be joined by *V* castmates Jane Badler and Marc Singer, who also starred in 1982's *The Beastmaster*.

This year's convention will also feature main cast members from some of the most popular sci-fi, fantasy, and alternative historical fiction television shows including *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*, *iZombie*, *Legends of Tomorrow*, *Lucifer*, *The Man in the High Castle*, the *Stargate* franchise, *Warehouse 13*, and *Wynonna Earp*, plus the pop duo *Aly & AJ*.

About Dragon Con

Dragon Con is the internationally known pop culture convention held each Labor Day Weekend (August 29 -September 2, 2019) in Atlanta. Organized for fans, Dragon Con features more than 3,500 hours of comics, film, television, costuming, art, music, and gaming over five days. For more information, please visit www.dragoncon.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.