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# GE look where you can go!

## The Wrath of Con

This month GE interviews Rick Albritton from BrightStar Productions about his upcoming convention 'The Wrath of Con'. The inaugural Sci Fi convention is to be held during the weekend of May 30 – June 1 in Florida, USA. With over 14 guests already confirmed including actors Jerry Doyle of Babylon 5, Richard Hatch from Battlestar Galactica, old and new, Virginia Hey and Gigi Edgley from Australian produced Farscape to Star Trek graphic designers and real life space scientists. This looks to be a convention to head to! Rick is already preparing for The Wrath of Con II in 2009. So make sure when you finish reading the interview you go to the Wrath of Con website at [www.wrathofcon.org](http://www.wrathofcon.org) to either book your ticket or wish that you could win the lotto to fund a trip to this incredible event.



Rick with Jamie Bamber from Battlestar Galactica

**GE:** How long have you been involved in running conventions?

**Rick:** I started off as a volunteer staffer at several shows, primarily one-day affairs, back in the early 1990's. I ran a few of my own shows, also one-day events, during the middle 90's, following my discharge from the US Army. I took a hiatus from conventions for about 10 years when I became a father, and continued it while I went to law school. Now that my schooling is complete, I've found myself attending more than a few conventions, and finally decided to try my hand at a weekend show.

**GE:** Is this a full-time business for you or just a sideline?

**Rick:** This is definitely a sideline! I'm a huge fan of all things sci-fi, but my "day job" is in the practice of law. I created an LLC to run the show through, but it's merely for some liability protection as well as the ability to write off my losses (which will hopefully be minor!) on my taxes!

**GE:** What made you want to be involved in organizing conventions?

**Rick:** As a fan, I basically just took note of the various things that I liked and disliked about the majority of the shows I attended. From there, the idea to run a show that incorporated all the things that I liked and minimized the things that I didn't took root. After discussing the idea as well as the laundry list of things that I wanted to change about the average convention experience with as many fans as I could manage, I just decided to give it a whirl, to try to bring a great experience to fans who deserve to have value for the money they spend on these shows. To hopefully bring back the spirit of camaraderie and friendliness that seems to be getting lost among the larger and more business-oriented shows. I want people to come away from The Wrath of Con saying "Wow, that was a really great time!"

**GE:** Tell us about the process you go through to organize a convention, e.g. how do you choose your guests? The type of activities you will run?

**Rick:** Well, it's a little like hitting a casino to gamble on the dice or the cards in that the first thing you have to decide is how large do you want your exposure to be, basically, how much can you afford to lose? That gives you your parameters, and the beginnings of a budget. From there you can start shopping for your guests and deciding on a venue, etc.

As far as choosing a guest list, it's really a balancing act. I try to focus primarily on guests that are not only interesting, but who are fan-friendly, that is to say that they enjoy spending time with the fans, whether it be over a cocktail at the hotel bar, or genuinely engaging the fans in conversation during autographs or Q&A. Ideally, I'd like to have a guest list full of folks who enjoy just hanging out with the fans. The reality though, is that not every guest is the same, and some LOVE being around their fans, hanging out and partying over the weekend, doing the banquet dinners and cocktail hours with obvious enjoyment. Some, not so much. The reality though, is that not every guest is the same, and some LOVE being around their fans, hanging out and partying over the weekend, doing the banquet dinners and cocktail hours with obvious enjoyment. Some, not so much. **(continues page 3)**

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# GE look where you can go (cont)!

Unfortunately, some of the guests that are in great demand on the convention circuit because of the roles they play on television, are just not all that personable. So you have to balance the curb appeal of your guest list with the experience your attendees are likely to have with particular guests, and hopefully you can come up with a list that finds a balance that still delivers value to the attendees. I'm very lucky this year with the guests I selected for The Wrath of Con, they're all just a delight to be with, and are extremely personable and approachable, very appreciative of their fans, as well as being very popular among the fans.

Regarding the activities at The Wrath of Con, I basically took from my own positive experiences at various conventions in the past, as well as some of the less-publicized but still outstanding areas of the genre, such as our "Sci-Fi Sundance" film festival this year. Some conventions run films and old episodes, etc at the show, but we're focusing on sci-fi independent films, and have been fortunate to have gotten a great response from the indie-film community and have had some really impressive films submitted this year. I look forward to growing this aspect of The Wrath of Con into a major player on the festival circuit, as well as providing the attendees with something that may be different from other conventions, something they might not have done at previous shows. My basic philosophy for The Wrath of Con is to try to avoid the whole "been there, done that" and to try new things, while keeping some of the things that are traditional favorites among the fans.

**GE:** Do you use volunteers to help run your conventions? If so, where do they come from?

**Rick:** Volunteers are a mainstay among conventions and none of them can run without a solid volunteer staff, including The Wrath of Con. Volunteers come from a variety of places, including fan clubs and from other conventions, as well as any of my friends that I can con (pun intended) into working the weekend!

**GE:** If money was no object, which guest would you like to have at a convention and why?

**Rick:** If money was no object, and if I could talk him into doing a convention, I think I'd like to get Will Smith at one of my shows. Why, should be pretty obvious, but the guy is an incredible actor, and has done some of the seminal sci-fi roles, from Robert Neville in "I Am Legend" to Detective Del Spooner in Asimov's classic "I, Robot". He also seems like such a genuinely funny and great person that I'd love to knock back a few cocktails with the guy and talk about this year's crazy NCAA Final Four, or some other typical guy subjects.

**GE:** Who have been some of your most memorable guests, and why?

**Rick:** My favorite guest of all time has to be my buddy Jerry Doyle. He's just a great guy who treats everyone with respect and kindness and who genuinely enjoys just hanging out with his friends and fans. He's also incredibly funny, the guy could literally be a stand-up comic if he wanted to be. A lot of my favorites are unfortunately no longer with us, such as Mark Lenard, Rick Biggs, Andy K (Andreas Katsulas),

DeForest Kelly, and Jimmy Doohan. These guys were all terrific folks who always tried to give back to the fans. I remember stargazing with Mark Lenard one night (he was quite the amateur astronomer) and waxing philosophical into the late hours while enjoying the majesty of the heavens. We're less with them gone. Godspeed, guys.

**GE:** Do you offer absentee packs (especially for overseas fans) for your conventions?

**Rick:** While I don't have an established absentee pack program in place, if any fans from across the pond(s) would like something like that, I'd be happy to oblige, they just need to get in touch with me and I can put together something for them.

GE News wishes Rick all the best for the upcoming convention. Visit [www.wrathofcon.org](http://www.wrathofcon.org)

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# GE I love what you do!



**GE continues its interview with Cherie Tridente from Cernat Enterprises. A woman not only with a job most of us would give our eyeteeth for but also on of the few women collectable dealers out there.**

**GE:** Did you have a passion for Sci Fi before you began the business or did your interest in Sci FI begin when you started the business?

**Cherie:** My interest in the Sci-Fi Genre started very in early life. Growing up I was constantly exposed by my family to the following TV Shows: Battlestar Galactica, Blake 7, Dr Who, Star Wars etc. I have always enjoyed Sci-Fi shows, however my passion was revived specifically by Stargate SG-1 and subsequently through Battlestar Galactica, Serenity, Stargate Atlantis and Supernatural.

**GE:** What have you enjoyed most about being CERNAT?

**Cherie:** CERNAT has provided many opportunities over the years. I have particularly enjoyed the following aspects of operating my business, attending conventions and events, business trips both interstate & overseas, liaising with other Businesses, meeting customers, meeting various actors, viewing rare collectables, etc.

**GE:** Do you have a piece of memorabilia that is your most treasured and you will never sell?

**Cherie:** At the moment I do not really have any particular piece of memorabilia that is treasured. My collection does include many original props, but I'm willing to sell them for the right price. Since starting CERNAT, I found the need to collect memorabilia reduced, I am quite happy to simply view items, and then offer them for sale through our business.

**GE:** Which actor or actors have you enjoyed meeting?

**Cherie:** CERNAT has been privileged to meet many stars over the last couple of years. Personally, since I am a HUGH fan of Stargate my favourite actors include the following, Amanda Tapping, Dan Shea, David Hewlett, Don S Davis, Cliff Simon, Peter Williams, Rachel Luttrell, Teryl Rothery, Torri Higginson, etc. I prefer actors who have an easy manner

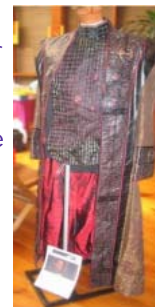
**GE:** How are you, able to obtain authentic costumes and is there a market for these in Australia?

**Cherie:** March 2007 we went on a business trip to Vancouver and had several meetings with the relevant associates of MGM & Bridge Studios. At the end of these meetings an agreement had been reached upon the availability of costumes released. Our inventory of costumes includes the main cast, recurring characters, character actors, and extras. Prices vary from around \$250.00 up to \$9,500.00. We believe that there is always a market for rare one off items and they are also great for staging of conventions and events. For those interested simply contact us in relation to purchasing or for the staging of conventions and events.



**GE:** Which costume is your most expensive one?

**Cherie:** Our most expensive costumes would be: Ba'al System Lord – with squibs; and Richard Dean Anderson Blue BDU Uniform.



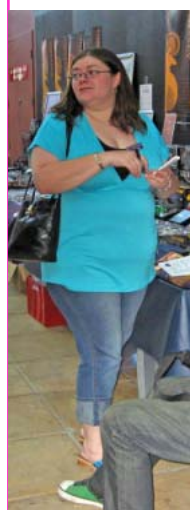
**GE:** What do fans tell you they want the most?

**Cherie:** Our main inquiries by fans include the following items: Battlestar Galactica Replica Props – various:- currently under design by one of our suppliers; Stargate Atlantis Replica Props – various items; Stargate SG-1 Replica Prop – Working Z at Gun:- this item is currently under design by one of our suppliers; Stargate SG-1 Replica Prop – Miniature Ships & Vehicles:- this item is currently under design by one of our suppliers.

**GE:** If money was no object which piece of memorabilia would you like to own and why?

**Cherie:** Currently, we are in the process of trying to obtain a Working Screen Used Z at Gun. However it is unlikely as there are only 2 in existence and MGM is holding these props for the potential third franchise.

We believe that this item would be a wonderful acquisition and within our price range, other items from Stargate SG-1 would be great, but are not feasible due to transportation and other factors.



**GE:** Our last question, is there any chance that Richard Dean Anderson will make it to Australia?

**Cherie:** We have been trying very hard to get Richard to come out to Australia. You must be aware the he very rarely makes appearances and only for charity purposes. Any announcements will be

**Cherie at the Adelaide Premier of the HD release of Star Trek: TOS. Look out got her at future Sci Fi and Fantasy events.**

# GE Look at this!

## It just gets better and better!

In a previous issue of GE News we did a review on the first episode of Torchwood. Thank goodness for "You Tube" I think I said then and I am still saying it. Torchwood just gets better and better.

James Marsters, John Barrowman and great stories, hang on I need to wipe my drool! However, in saying that I still can't find it within me to warm to Gwen! She irritates me no end.

The second season without giving anything away shows another side to the other members of the cast and allows us to gain an insight into the "why" they joined Torchwood. Even Owen becomes less irritating as you become to understand why he is the way he is and wow Tosh is just not a computer geek. Lando, well, he still makes coffee.

But the attraction to me is the growth of Jack and the insight into how his life has changed since meeting the Doctor. I want more please and can I have some more Captain John just to keep the heart pumping! Can't wait to buy the DVDs and 3rd season.

## Thumbs up to season 2!

Could Torchwood maintain the high standard of story telling that it had set in the first episode of Season 2? And the answer is YES!! I am now a convert to Torchwood. Even Owen is growing on me (did I really say that??)

In this season the characters were fleshed out and they tackled many moral and ethical issues such as the alien captured for meat production. I enjoyed the storylines about Gwen and her fiancé, the Wedding Day episode was excellent. There is also well placed humour. Maybe this is why I like season 2 better than season 1 which was just 'too raw'. Don't get me wrong Torchwood is still hard punching and gruesome at times but not as depressing. I do like the more lighthearted Jack of this season.

Yes, when the Season 2 DVD box set of Torchwood comes out I will definitely be buying it.

I was so glad to hear that Torchwood Season 3 is a goer, so my lovely Captain Jack will be back on my screen again.

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Trekspace was started by a gentleman called Alec Peters. A Star Trek fan he wanted somewhere fans could take part in a network just like MySpace

but just for trek fans. GE News checked out the network and with so many people interested in all of the stuff GE love we decided to join too!

Our membership number was 532 and now there are 921 members all interested in Star Trek, and a lot of other things of course. They come from all over the world with a common aim. The enjoyment of Star Trek, interesting if you think about it hey! Just like the real Star Trek, everyone from everywhere on Earth just getting along!

So check it out! Just google Trekspace, it's usually the second on the list or you could just click on the two badges on this page.

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