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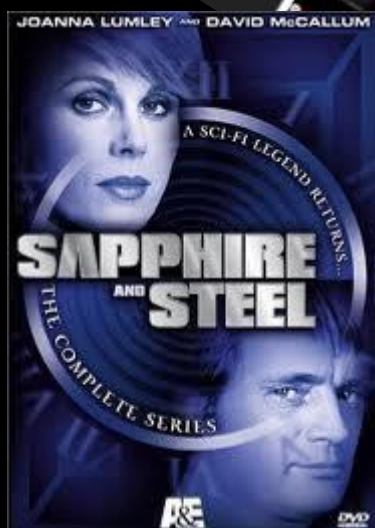
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New comic book that could be every GEEKS supreme crossover story! Doctor Who meets Star Trek!!!! We have all discussed it at some time in our Sci Fi chats and debates!!!

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You can download the first two episodes of the Minister of Chance free from iTunes !!

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Terra Nova may not make a second season, Fox have cancelled the show and it seems the producers are hoping another network will pick it up!

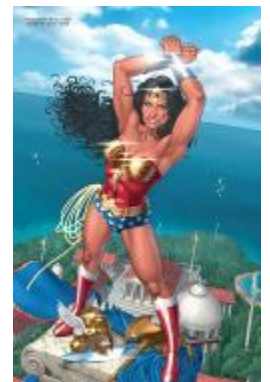
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NEW SCI FI CONVENTION

Oz Comic Con

Finally, a Comic Con comes to Australia. Adelaide and Melbourne both get the nod for the famous "Comic Con" experience. Guests in Adelaide include actors from Star Trek, Stargate, The Dead Zone, Firefly, and The Walking Dead including Jonathan Frakes, Corin Nemec, Jewel Staite and Gigi Edgley. Melbourne has none other than Stan Lee, Patrick Stewart as well as guests from Supernatural, Star Trek, Re-Animator, Sanctuary, Firefly and Relic Hunter! It covers everything from Sci Fi, fantasy, horror good old-fashioned cartoons and comic book artists. Check out their website the only way that we will get more of this type of event is to go and bring all of our friends with us!

www.ozcomiccon.com

Vintage Sci Fi

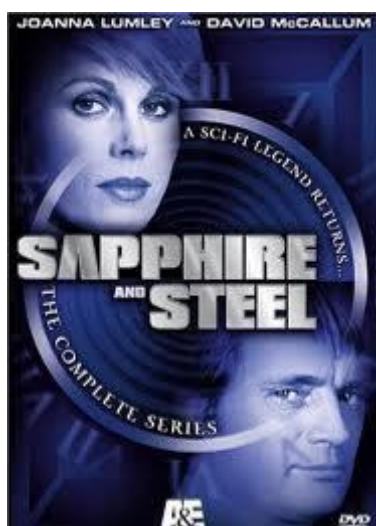
You must watch!



If you have been getting GE News ~ Women Talk Sci Fi for a while you know that we have talked about, reviewed and watched many contemporary television shows and movies. Whilst we love many modern shows such as Doctor Who, Fringe, Sanctuary, Torchwood, Buffy, Eureka and so on and so on! We have had to get here by watching many earlier shows which developed our love of the genre. Living in Australia our culture was and to some point still is influenced by the UK although with TV and DVDs etc now so readily available North American culture is having a significant effect and many believe that we are somewhere in the middle of both of these influences. So we thought that we would tell you about some of these old shows so that you could seek them out and see where modern Sci Fi comes from and that some of what we see now is influenced by what came before!

In this first article we are going to showcase Sapphire and Steel. A late 70s early 80s UK Sci Fi show that features some of the UK's most well-known actors Joanna Lumley and David McCallum. Joanna famous for The New Avengers and Absolutely Fabulous and David of course for the Man from Uncle and NCIS.

Sapphire and Steel is science fiction (of course) and centres on beings who are interdimensional operatives. Little is revealed of their origins but it appears that they may be protectors of order. They are in fact elements that can take on the form of humans and are sent to investigate strange and unusual events. They occasionally have the assistance of other operatives such as Lead, Silver. They all have special powers and some can melt metals or stop time. Time is the protagonist in the stories and on occasion there are weaknesses in the corridor of time and can break into the present. Sapphire and Steel are sent to deal with these incidents and "sort" them out! This is a very cryptic series making you consider that there are more questions than you have received answers for! So, not for light entertainment on a rainy Saturday (cont'd)





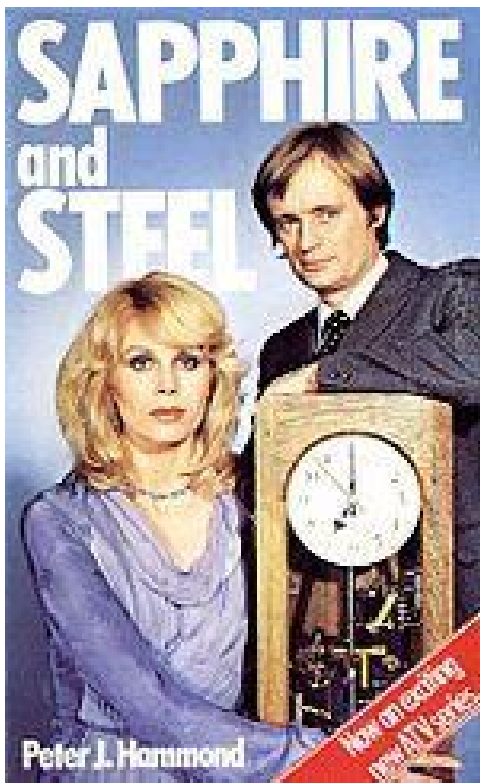
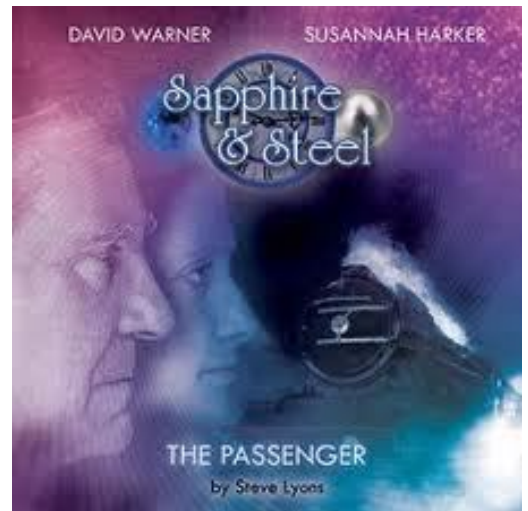
This is not a series that is filled with special effects, well it is British after all.

Interestingly each of the episodes starts with a prologue!

"All irregularities will be handled by the forces controlling each dimension. Transuranic, heavy elements may not be used where there is life. Medium atomic weights are available: Gold, Lead, Copper,

Jet, Diamond, Radium, Sapphire, Silver and Steel. Sapphire and Steel have been assigned. "

Each of the stories are told over multiple episodes and are at times eerie and dark. There are only 34 of them each running for about 25 mins. The series ran from 1979 until 1982 and was broadcast on ITV in the UK. Even though the series only lasted for a limited number of episodes it made an impact on the British Sci Fi community and a picture strip ran in Look-in magazine for 79 issues and another 14 stories to add to its universe. In 2004, Big



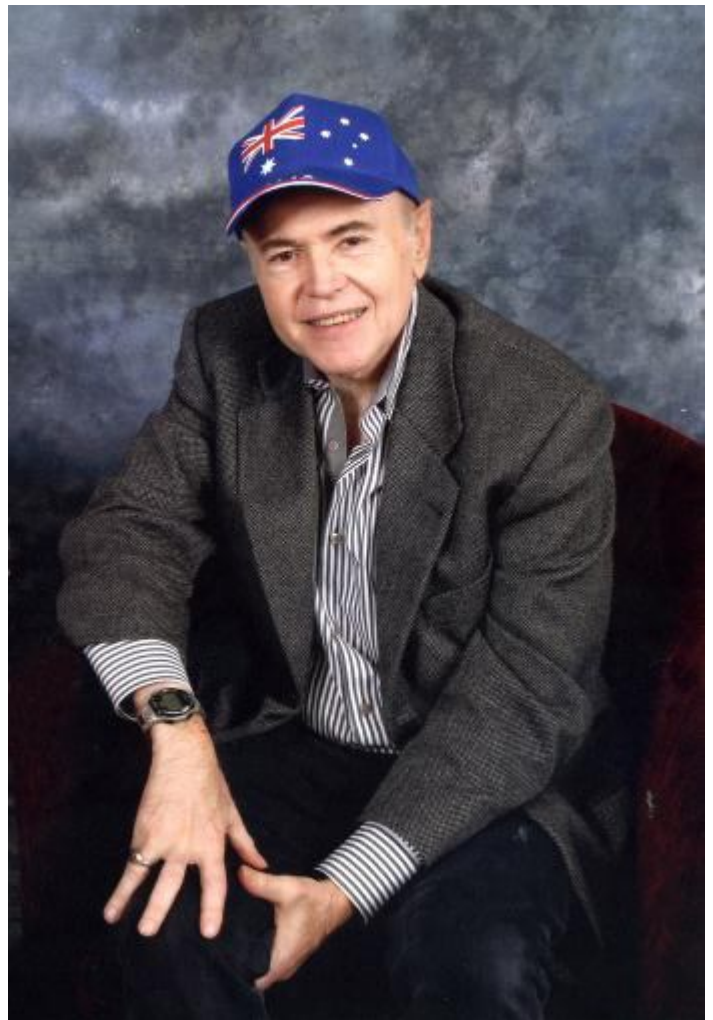
Finish Productions, who most would know from the Doctor Who audio stories secured the rights to produce a new series. Since then 15 new adventures have been produced and many well know Sci Fi actors have taken roles including Colin Baker, Louise Jameson both from Doctor Who and Sarah Douglas the female supervillain Ursa from Superman II.

So, if you like to think about your Sci Fi then both the television and audio series are for you! We really recommend that you seek them out and enjoy another series from the UK that has captured the imagination for over thirty years!



When we first started attending Star Trek conventions The Next Generation had finished, Deep Space Nine and Voyager were hitting their stride. It had been over 30 years since the original cast appeared in glorious colour on screens around the world. The original cast were no longer spring chickens and travelling to 'down under' seemed to us an impossibility. We never thought that we would get an opportunity to meet any of the original cast. How wrong can you be?

Over the past 10-15 years a number of original cast graced the shores of our lovely country, some have come more than once like William Shatner. It was with great pleasure that this year we were able to add Walter Koenig to the distinguished line up of Star Trek alumni when we attended Oz Trek 7, a First Contact Convention www.firstcontactconventions.com.au event in Melbourne this year. The line-up also included Chase Masterson, Dabo girl Leeta from Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.





Meeting someone from the original series is always a great honour. It is due to the professionalism of these actors that we still talk about and enjoy the world of Star Trek today. None of them had any idea that when they donned the black boots and uniform of Starfleet that they would become such iconic characters that nearly 50 years later the world still has not forgotten. When you use your mobile phone or iPad and watch holographic TV in the not so distant future it is due to the inventors watching Star Trek and being inspired that made these items possible.

Walter is a very talented man. Not only an actor but also he has a degree in psychology directed, authored books, screenplays and comics. On stage he is quick with an entertaining story about life on the Star Trek and Babylon 5 set. He is a wealth of knowledge about the acting industry and talks honestly about his relationship with the other actors.

Chase was full of life and mischief. She enthralled the crowd with her fun filled stories and wonderful parody songs about her time on Star Trek. You could see that she enjoyed meeting fans of a show that she certainly holds dear.



What a great way to start a year of Convention going than by hearing Walter Koenig utter Chekov's famous words "... can you tell us where the nuclear wessels are?"



Sci Fi has predicted many things over the years including technology such as the mobile phone, flat screen TVs and many more but did they get it right about our hair?



A hairstyle that just never caught on! Mind you it isn't the 23rd Century yet, so there is still time for this basket weave to become a must!

Janice Rand—Star Trek



This may not look special now but in 1978 when this character appeared on Blake's 7 Servalan's haircut was radical.

Servalan—Blake's 7



Our favourite Betazoid with the springy hair.

**Deana Troi
Star Trek Next
Generation**



Can you work out why females have to wear purple wigs when working on the Moon?

Lt Gay Ellis—U.F.O



You just can't go past a good head of dreadlocks, especially when it is Jason Momoa who is growing them! (Yes this one did make it)

Ronon Dex—Stargate Atlantis



The hair on this Martian made her over 7 foot tall!! Any taller and she would have had a hard time holding her head up.

Martian Girl—Mars Attacks

Captain Janeway wins the prize for the most changes in hairstyle in any one show!! Severe bun, flowing bun, long hair, tied back hair, shorter hair and finally the bob!!

Captain Janeway—Star Trek Voyager



This person makes peroxide sexy!!!

Spike—Buffy The Vampire Slayer



Two things that came out of the 80s shoulder pads and the more hair and the higher it was the more gorgeous they felt or are they just from New Jersey?

Lydia & Diana V (The Original)



The most iconic hairstyle in Science Fiction! Just put a donut on either side of your head and you are immediately recognised as Princess Leia from Star Wars.

Super Stars from Supanova



I (*Eugenia is the Prisoner fan*) had already booked a ticket to attend a Prisoner Cell Block H charity event in November 2011 in Melbourne (yes I know how sad that sounds!!) I was thrilled that I was going to meet Elspeth Ballantyne, kind prisoner warden Meg Morris and Top Dog Bea Smith, Val Lehman. Can you imagine my excitement when I found out that Christopher Lloyd, Doc Brown from Back to the Future and Val Kilmer, Batman – well one of the many who have played this character were going to be at a Supanova Convention on the same weekend!!! I was doing a little celebratory dance all around my house.

Arriving at the hotel only 10 mins before the Prisoner event was to begin I raced to the venue where I met and had my photo taken with 16 actors who had played dynamic roles in Prisoner... I digress.

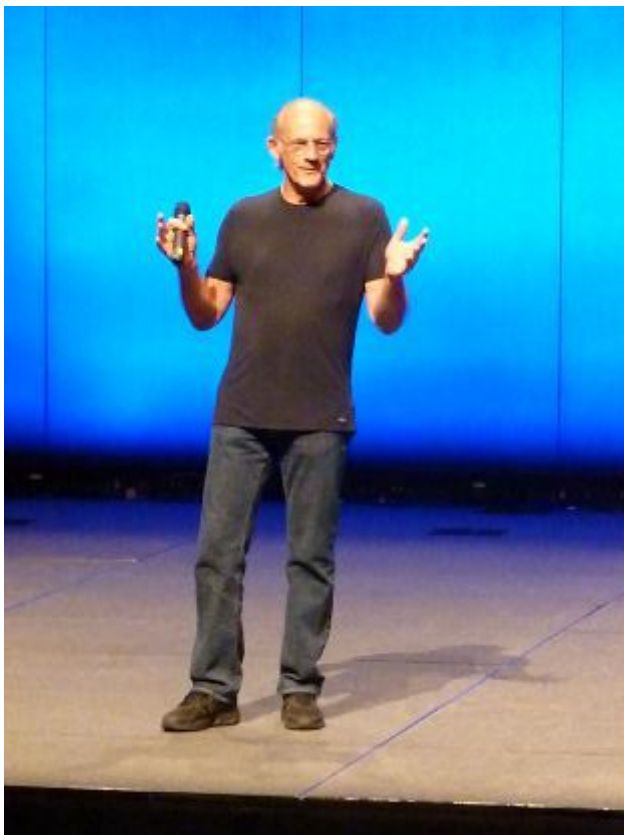
The next day I'm off to the Exhibition Centre to meet Christopher Lloyd not only Doc Brown from the Back to the Future movies and Kruger the Klingon, from the third Star Trek III: The Search for Spock and Uncle Fester in the Addams Family movies. I was thrilled to meet Val Kilmer who played many roles that I enjoyed but in particular Batman Forever, (before Batman Begins came out Val's portrayal of Batman was my favourite apart from Adam West of course), Top Secret which I just adore and Thunderheart which had an excellent storyline. Val was also 'Iceman' in Top Gun and more recently the voice of KITT in the remake series Knight Rider.





This Supanova was not an expo but a one-off Convention which threw a few people who were used to the larger Supanova events and had not experienced a smaller convention atmosphere.

The two guests were very entertaining Christopher Lloyd looks no different now than he did over 30 years ago when he first came to my attention. He was very funny and loved telling stories about his time on Back to the Future and Trek. You can tell that the 'Back to the Future' movies do have a special place in his heart.



Val was the one that surprised me the most I had heard through the grapevine that Val could be a rather difficult guest. This could not be further from the truth his con talk was funny, very insightful and filled with stories he was charming and most obliging.

It was lovely catching up with my Con friends and getting a chance to meet not only a Batman but the flux capacitor inventor himself Doc Brown!!

The Sci Fi Alphabet

A

is for Austin



B

is for Batman



C

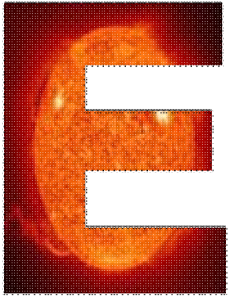
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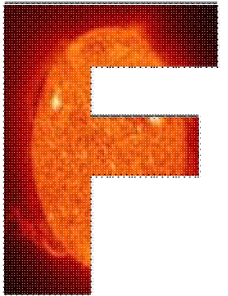
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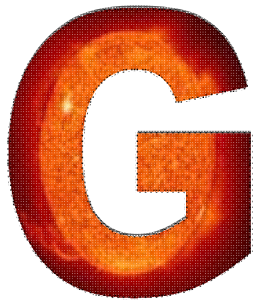




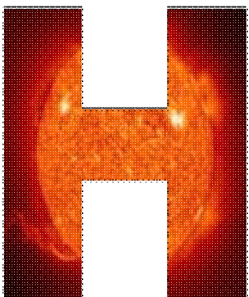
is for Eric



is for Flash



is for Green Lantern



is for He-Man



Women Scientists that you might not have heard about!

Dorotea Bucca


1360—1436

Chief of Medicine and Philosophy at the University of Bologna she held the position for over 40 years. She was one of many women who studied medicine in the Middle Ages. Italian society had a more liberal approach to women attending higher education with many attending studies and contributing to the discipline. Dorotea followed in her father's footsteps continuing the family tradition of medicine and holding the role of "Chief of Medicine"

Elena Cornaro Piscopia

1646—1684

Born in Venice Elena studied Greek and Latin from the age of 7 also mastering Hebrew, Spanish, French and Arabic (and of course Italian). She went onto study mathematics, philosophy and theology. Her father supported her entry into the University of Padua. She is the first woman in history (known) to be awarded a Doctorate in Philosophy.



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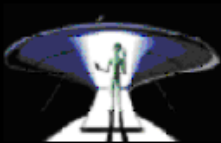
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