

2024 Announcements: Changes, Updates, and Info

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Narration: *"We have taken you to the past ... to lost cities under the sea ... we have even taken you to space! But in 2024, we embark on a new adventure..."*

[J:] Greetings and Salutations, Everyone!

[TC:] When last we left you, we were "Steampunks In Spaaaaace!" traveling on our way to Venus. We know you have all been anxiously awaiting updates on our next show, so buckle up, Buttercups, because we have a lot of exciting announcements to share with you all. Now, if you were at closing ceremonies at our last Exposition, you got a little sneak peek into our theme for 2024. But before we get to that, the Atlanta Steampunk Exposition is getting a small face lift. So babies, don't you panic — It isn't anything too *alien*.

[J:] Stop dropping hints about next year's theme!

[TC:] All right, fine. One thing at a time. Distinguished attendees, it is our immense pleasure to announce that we have a brand new name.

[audience gasp]

[TC:] We would formally like to welcome you henceforth to "CONpossible" — an alternative history and speculative fiction convention.

[J:] Why have we made this update, you may ask? There are a variety of reasons.

[TC:] First, we're proud to announce that CONpossible is now a 501(c)3 organization. You know, from the very beginning we have been passionate about supporting local nonprofit charities such as CHOA (Children's Hospital of Atlanta), STE(A)M Truck, and more by raising funds via silent auction at each of our events. We plan to continue this moving forward as our focus. Our local community and the Steampunk community at large are a beloved and necessary piece of the Exposition, particularly right now. We want to support that community in all ways possible. That's why "CONpossible."

[J:] Second, one of the biggest questions we get asked by attendees and potential presenters is whether you would still be welcome at our event if you don't have a "strict" Steampunk cosplay.

[Both:] Yes!!

[J:] Of course you're still welcome! We welcome all flavors of 'punk:

[TC:] Dieselpunk

[J:] Rococopunk

[TC:] Atompunk
[J:] Aetherpunk
[TC:] Cyberpunk
[J:] Clockpunk
[TC:] Tzarpunk

[TC:] Well, you get the idea. The heart and soul of Steampunk for many of us is making, and creating, and inventing. Whether it's in the Victorian era or a fantasy world of our own devising, it's so beautiful to us. At least once every year we get to celebrate the uniqueness of **YOU**, and we encourage you to keep creating.

[J:] Rules? Where we're going, we don't need ... rules.

[TC:] So we hope you will all celebrate the wide and expansive world of alternative history and speculative fiction with us.

[J:] Lastly, our fearless and beloved Captain Billbill Harrison will be stepping down to a smaller role with the convention this year while he takes care of some personal matters. He is still very much a primary part of our fabric, and we all fully support him while he takes this time. Stepping into the role of convention leader is his first mate, Gabby Isabel, and all other leadership positions remain unchanged.

[Jason:] I'm still your programming director—

[The Chameleon:] And I'm still your Lifestyles director—

[J:] But for a full list of updates, you can visit the website for more information at our brand new address: www.conpossible.org.

[TC:] So what does this all mean for you? Everything you love about the last 5 Expositions will be continuing on as "CONpossible!" Plus, we'll be adding even more fun and frivolity to the show based off of your input. So, without further ado, let's answer your most pressing questions.

Our dates for 2024 are February 16-18!

[J:] And back to those hints from earlier, If you were at this year's Closing Ceremonies this will come as no surprise, but for all the rest of you wondering, this year's theme is "THE JUNGLES OF VENUS!" Yes, based on the idea by Edgar Rice Burroughs, when we last left you, Captain Billbill's airship was approaching the space dock orbiting Venus when disaster struck – the shuttle housing our Youth Academy was deployed, and it crash landed on Venus!

[Pause] We know, it's terrible! Don't worry, a rescue mission is being mounted. We will finish off our story next February 16, 17, and 18, 2024.

[TC:] That leaves the venue. Oh yes, our host hotel for 2024. This is the fun part. You see, with the new name, the new dates, the new theme, we have a brand new setting. We invite you all to join us at THE CASTLE ON THE HILL! [Thunder clap]

[J:] Captain Billbill's airship, the Good Ship Venus, will be retiring, and henceforth you will be invited to join us as our esteemed guests at Terminus Manor. The Castle on the Hill, also known by some newfangled search engines as the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, is located in Peachtree Corners (Norcross), and will serve as the best setting yet for our little alternative history party.

[TC:] Terminus Manor is filled with mystery, a marvel of steampunk engineering, and fueled by a soupçon of magic. There will be an all new cast of eccentrics to make your stay ... well, not boring, to say the least. A madhouse of anachronistic do-gooders? Or a secret society of shady explorers? It's up to you to find out, by joining us next February.

[J:] "Have you received your invitation?"

[TC:] We are certain to have the most crazy fun yet next year, so you're going to want to get your tickets and book your rooms now. Like, now now. Not then, but NOW now. Now. Seriously! Don't hesitate! And what can you expect when you arrive?

[J:] We'll be announcing the theme of our formal ball shortly ...

[TC:] The Lyceum Theatre will return with a brand new series of acts that will take your breath away ...

[J:] Our Tea Salon is certain to whet your appetite ...

[TC:] And we will be announcing our author and artist Guests of Honor very soon!

[J:] We know you will have a lot more questions for us, so please leave us a comment on this post and visit our website for more information at: www.conpossible.org.

[TC:] Thanks, y'all! Conpossible.org! Love you! Bye bye!

[J:] Thank you everyone! Can't wait to see you all again soon!