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VCON 35 — STEAMPUNK: FROM ALCHEMY TO ZEPPELINS

Tune up your gear and prepare to be amazed this fall, as the Lower Mainland's annual science-fiction and fantasy convention goes full steam into its 35th edition, October 1-3, 2010.

Vancouver, Aug.3, 2010 — VCON offers every science-fiction and fantasy fan something to satisfy the imagination. Even if vampires, dragons, Cylons, or Mr. Spock are not your cup of tea, you may find Steampunk refreshing. A popular sub-genre of speculative literature, Steampunk invokes England's Victorian era as it might have been with the addition of technology and invention. Vast and incredible in its ability to borrow from history and create a new reality, it's yours to discover through the words and works of our guests and program participants.

VCON, a non-profit event run by and for fans, is Canada's oldest science-fiction and fantasy convention. This year, our Guests of Honour are Cherie Priest, a Seattle-based author of seven novels, including the steampunk adventure *Boneshaker* (nominated for a Nebula award, winner of the PNBA award), Jim Beveridge, an Aurora award-winning artist with a left-handed aesthetic and Canadian musician Heather Dale, who performs her own Celtic music for the 21st century. They will be joined by a lineup of writers, artists, editors, scientists, musicians and other guests.

VCON welcomes all those interested in science-fiction and fantasy. Our 2010 program includes a multi-author book launch, panel discussions, author readings, art show and auction, games room, KidCon, costume contest, filk music, dance, writing and art workshops, an artists alley and dealers room.

VCON 35 will be held at the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel (7571 Westminster Highway in Richmond) a five minute walk from the Richmond-Brighouse Skytrain Station (Canada Line). Three-day memberships (before Sept.2): \$50; at the door: \$60. Discounts for students & children 12 & under. Children 6 and under free. Single-day memberships are available at the door.

Find more information and links on our website: <http://www.vcon.ca/>. Learn about VCON and related subjects via our Forums and Blogs.

WHOEVER YOU ARE, WHATEVER YOUR SCIENCE FICTION OR FANTASY INTEREST, VCON HAS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!