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The seventh annual Cleveland ConCoction will be held March 20-22 in Aurora. The Volunteer-run science fiction/fantasy convention features panels on a wide range of Fantasy and Science Fiction topics, along with gaming, makers and cosplay.

Authors' Alley will host 28 published science fiction and fantasy authors and editors, both established pros and new up and comers. Along with an art show that has multiple artists both at the convention as well as mailed in artwork, and a vendors' hall offering shopping opportunities. Daytime programming is family friendly. KidCoction, staffed by children's librarians, offers games and activities.

Special Media Guest Charles Andrew Payne, from The Parent Council and many other TV and Movie rolls, will appear. Other featured guests are: in cosplay we have KnightMage, SuperKayce, and Mogchelle; artist: Lar DeSouza- Beard advocate, noted hat enthusiast and Internet uncle, has been pulling double duty as the cartoonist for the online comic "Looking for Group" and the comic "Least I Could Do" for the past 17 years ; Author: Melissa Scott has published more than thirty novels and a handful of short stories, as well as authorized tie ins for Star Trek, Stargate, and Star Wars. ; and for musical guests we have: Marc Gunn, also known as "The Celfather", He fuses his love of science fiction, fantasy, and comedy with his Scots-Irish heritage. We also have featured music guest Wild Mercy, who describe thier music as something like "neo-Celtic-powered post-industrial electro-acoustic folk-rock with jazz influences and freeform choral structure". In gaming, we are happy to welcome Dean Donofrio and ErinRose Widner of the hit web series "Meeple People". After hosting panels they will be in our gaming Lair and play some board games with them! We also have Retrospective: Center for Ray Bradbury Studies. Returning as our Emcee this year is V. Nigel Taylor, better known as Vladimir Snape, has been a Professor Severus Snape impersonator for over 10 years. This will also be the second year for our original short film festival.

We'd definitely like to thank our Play to Win sponsors this year. Double Exposure's Envoy program has donated over 70 board games from the various publishers they represent. For those keeping track, we have approximately 100 titles of board games that we are giving away.

Our convention supports several charities through our Convention and Charity Silent Auction to which our members have donated to over the years. Our charities include: Stay-A-While Cat Shelter, dedicated to sheltering, caring for, and placing cats in life-long homes, and Extra Life who unites thousands of gamers around the world to play games in support of their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

Girl Scout Troop 71674 out of Brecksville/Broadview Heights will ba back this year selling cookies!

We will have Food Trucks parked outside to offer a small variety of cuisine.

This year the con will return to The Bertram Inn & Convention Center in Aurora, offering space, accommodation, restaurant options and free parking.

ConCoction is a nonprofit con run by fans, for fans. Complete programming, registration and hotel information is available at www.clevelandconcoction.org.

Thank you!

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