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The fifth annual ConCoction will be held March 9-11 in Aurora. The fan-run science fiction/fantasy convention features panels on a wide range of F and SF topics, along with gaming, makers and cosplay.

Authors' Alley hosts 25 published science fiction and fantasy authors and editors, both established pros and new up and comers. An art show and vendors' hall offer shopping opportunities. Daytime programming is family friendly. KidCoction, staffed by children's librarians, offers games and activities.

Cleveland native Tony Isabella, the creative force behind the original comic book and TV show Black Lightning, will appear. Other featured guests are: cosplay, Princess Morgan and KnightMage; media, Sean Owen Roberts; and gaming, Nerdarchy. The game design group Protospiel will be on hand to test new games and advise on game development.

As part of the con's service mission, a 24-hour gaming marathon, Extra Life, will raise funds for the Children's Miracle Networks Hospitals.

This year the con moves to Bertram Inn & Convention Center in Aurora, with expanded 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.