

# PROGRAMMING

Now is the time to sign up for Minicon panels and other programming! If you are interested in participating in programming, please take a look at this year's proposed panels at our new programming site: <https://programming.minicon.org>. To "expand" the list to include descriptions, click on the Expand Events button in the upper right (arrows pointing away from each other), next to the Calendar and Filter buttons. If you would like to volunteer to be on a panel, click on the panel name, then click on the Volunteer for this Event button, or send an email to [programming@minicon54.mnstf.org](mailto:programming@minicon54.mnstf.org) with the titles of the panels you are interested in.

# REGISTRATION

You can pre-register for Minicon 54 until March 25th, 2019 or register at the door. Pre-registering is cheaper!

You may register online at [www.mnstf.org/minicon54](http://www.mnstf.org/minicon54) or complete the form below and mail it to:

Minicon 54  
Lake Street Station  
PO Box 8297  
Minneapolis, MN 55408-0297

- Adult \$45 (with the option of paying \$35)    Supporting \$15
- Student (13-20) \$20    Kid (6-12) \$10    Child (0-5) Free
- At the door: \$70 Adult   \$25 Student   \$15 Kid   \$0 Child
- Would you like to help us out with an additional \$10 donation?  
(This goes toward keeping our membership rates low)

Please contact me, because I want to:

- Volunteer                       Share programming/panel ideas
- Throw a room party        Learn more about kids' activities

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First Name                      Middle                      Last

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Badge Name (if left blank, we will use your full name above)

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Address

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City                      State/Province                      Postal Code

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Country (if not in the US)                      Phone

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Email

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Birthdate\*                      Sex\*                      Year of your first Minicon?\*

Do not publicly list me as a member                      \*Optional, for demographics



**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup> 2019**  
**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON-PARK PLACE**  
1500 Park Place Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

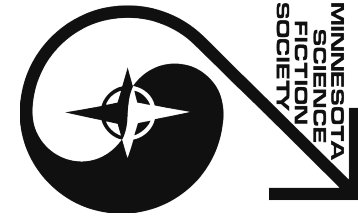
WITH GUESTS OF HONOR

**Naomi Kritzer**  
[naomikritzer.com](http://naomikritzer.com)

**Dave DeVries**  
[TheMonsterEngine.com](http://TheMonsterEngine.com)



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**PROGRESS REPORT TWO**

## GUESTS

### Naomi Kritzer

Naomi Kritzer has been writing science fiction and fantasy for twenty years. Her short story "Cat Pictures Please" won the 2016 Hugo and Locus Awards and was nominated for the Nebula Award. A collection of her short stories was released in 2017, and her YA novel *Catfishing On Catnet* (based on "Cat Pictures Please") will be coming out from Tor Teen in November 2019. She is currently working on a sequel. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota with her spouse, two kids, and four cats. The number of cats is subject to change without notice.

### Dave DeVries

Born and raised in West Orange, NJ, Dave DeVries has been illustrating for numerous companies his entire adult life. He has worked for Marvel, DC, and many other major comic creators as well as doing Fleer trading cards. He has done paintings and other works for everyone from Sega to Columbia Records to Tor Books to Capitol. He even has a painting hanging in the Lucasfilm headquarters at Skywalker Ranch.

He teaches art frequently and has served as a staff member at Syracuse University, The Joe Kubert School of Art, FIT in NY and many other colleges. His ongoing project at [TheMonsterEngine.com](http://TheMonsterEngine.com) is to professionally illustrate children's concepts and stories of monsters and produce them in book form. It has been very popular.

## MUSIC

With concerts scheduled for all three days of the convention and music circles galore, you'll virtually always be able to hear or make music at Minicon 54. Our current concert lineup includes performances from Adam Stemple, Astrisoni, Beth Kinderman & the Player Characters, The Faithful Sidekicks, FM\_HeatSink, Gernsback Continuum, Graham Leathers, the Last Saturday Filkers, The Leprechaun Pirates, Purgatory Hollow, Riverfolk, Scott Keever, and Teresa Chandler. On Friday and Saturday nights in the Orchard Room, there will also be an open music circle that starts early and ends late, welcoming all kinds of music and all musicians. In keeping with the con's theme of Purple, we also plan to have an hour-long themed circle on Saturday night of Prince songs. We hope you'll join us to listen, sing, and play!

Music needs a few volunteers who can run an 8-channel live sound board during performances. They do not need to be experts, just have a basic understanding of how a mixing board works and be comfortable adjusting sound levels etc. to give dept. heads a break. [music@minicon54.mnsthf.org](mailto:music@minicon54.mnsthf.org)

## PARTIES

Party suites are still available on the Second Floor above the Atrium! Contact [parties@minicon54.mnsthf.org](mailto:parties@minicon54.mnsthf.org) for more information on how you or your group can host a Party at Minicon 54!

## RUMPUS ROOM

We are very excited about this year's Rumpus Room! We will have new science and craft programs lined up for this year, including a visit from the Zoo Bus on Sunday!

We are looking for donations of large boxes to be used as building blocks for Cardboard Castles.

As usual we will have the craft swap table. If you have craft materials that you would like to trade, please avail yourself. Donations are always appreciated as we use them as rewards to the kids for participation.

If you would like to volunteer to lead a program, or to assist in any that interest you; please contact Bonnie at [bonnie.somdahl@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.somdahl@gmail.com).

## ART SHOW

Minicon 54 is excited to showcase Dave DeVries, Creator of the Monster Engine at <https://www.themonsterengine.com/>. Be sure to stop by the new conveniently located space between programming and film rooms.

We are also enthusiastic at the number of interested artists that have been contacting us about gallery space. As always the Art Show is proud to show off (and sell) your artwork! We welcome visual art in all forms. Space is limited so if you are interested it is advised to show up early on Friday, April 19th (tentative room opening time is noon). Don't forget to print and fill out the control sheets available at <http://mnsthf.org/minicon54/artshow> ahead of time to expedite your check in process.

Art Show can use volunteers! We are looking for people who are comfortable with handling money and filling out receipts. Prior experience is not necessary. If you are interested feel free to email [artshow@minicon54.mnsthf.org](mailto:artshow@minicon54.mnsthf.org) for more information.

## DEALERS ROOM

Minicon 54 is excited to bring back the Dealers Room.

Located on the second floor this year between programming and film room, shopping between panels will be easier than before. Be sure to check out or webpage <http://mnsthf.org/minicon54/dealers> before the convention to see the dealers who will be present this year.

## HOTEL

We are once again at the Double Tree Park Place in St. Louis Park (near 394 & 100). The link to the hotel page is <http://mnsthf.org/minicon54/hotel>, which includes the link to book a room in our block. As with previous years, we must fill the atrium rooms (all of the Atrium-facing suites) so that we can continue the Minicon tradition of late nights.

The Bar will be located on floor 2, overlooking the pool and gaming areas (same place as last year!).

In addition to the Bar, parties will be in the Atrium Suites. Beyond that, we need you to help us fill those suites. Last year we had a few more requests than we could fulfill, but we are looking for folks willing to take those suites this year. A special thanks to those of you who were willing to take a room as needed and also flexible to keep your standard room. We have improved our tracking and communications for the Atrium and other special request rooms.

For any desired room type, book a regular room. If you'd another type of room, after booking the regular room, do one of the following:

If you'd like to host a party, please contact [parties@minicon54.mnsthf.org](mailto:parties@minicon54.mnsthf.org). If you'd like a suite or an executive level room, please contact [hotel@minicon54.mnsthf.org](mailto:hotel@minicon54.mnsthf.org). Include your confirmation number in the e-mail.

## VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers in many departments, at many different levels of commitment. Please see the Minicon Volunteers page at <http://mnsthf.org/minicon54/volunteers>, e-mail [volunteers@minicon54.mnsthf.org](mailto:volunteers@minicon54.mnsthf.org), or just stop by the Volunteers Desk during Minicon.

We do have a few special volunteer requests:

MUSIC, RUMPUS ROOM, ART SHOW (see above sections)

FILM ROOM: Probably the easiest volunteer shifts at the con. Just show up reliably and watch a movie while the Film Head takes a well-deserved break.

THURSDAY MOVE-IN: Starting Thursday at 2pm at Registration/Volunteers, we will need people to haul and carry, but there's also more sedentary work available: unpacking boxes, making signs, etc. Other departments that will be moving in on Thursday include: Consuite, Music Room, Art Show, and the Bozo Bus Tribune. Helping out on Thursday is a good way to meet the department heads and plan later volunteering!

DISCORD: We'll be using Discord to contact volunteers in real time. Visit the Volunteers Desk during Minicon to find out more.