

Friday Programme Grid

	Siduri	Toma
15:00		
	Opening Ceremony	
16:00	The future's bright; the future's biotech	Possible worlds
17:00	The unbelievable truth	Venus in literature
18:00	The cultural evolution of the Zombie	Shoreline of Infinity book launch
19:00	The author speaks	Chocolate biscuit quiz
20:00	Faircon@40	
21:00		
22:00	Science ceilidh (in Clydebuilt)	
23:00		
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Saturday Programme Grid

	Siduri	Toma	Hathor	Off-piste
10:00	Space law and SF	Yoga	LARP	Kaffee: P McAuley
11:00	Venus on screen	Elsewhen launch		
12:00	Aliens look like?	HHGTTG@40	Marbling workshop	
13:00	GoH interview			
14:00				
15:00	Terraforming Venus	Debate	Improv workshop	
16:00	Space society	Inadvisable rockets		
17:00	Glasgow's steampunk	Blake's 7@40		
18:00	NewCon launch	Blasters & Starbucks	Limericks workshop	
19:00	DW/GoT pub quiz	HEMA workshop	LARP	
20:00				
21:00	Event Horizon			
22:00	Dublin karaoke		Online Programme:	
23:00				
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Sunday Programme Grid

	Siduri	Toma	Hathor	Off-piste
10:00	Clanger cuisine	Triathlon		Fun run
11:00	Superhero writers	Internet oddities	Chaos modelling	Kaffee: C Stross
12:00	Apollo to Venus	I'm Satellite		
13:00	Big data	Quark's Bar	Knitting workshop	
14:00	Space resources	Stuff the robots!		Kaffee: K MacLeod
15:00	SF soundtracks	Anime 101	Poetry circle	
16:00	Desert Island Books	Silly science games		
17:00	What use is Venus?	Glasgow fandom		
18:00	Closing ceremony			
19:00				
20:00	Dead Dog			
21:00				
22:00			Online Programme: http://Six.SatelliteX.org.uk/programme	
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Friday Programme Items

Opening ceremony

Siduri (Main Programme), 15:00 – 15:30

Christine, Mad Elf, Mark Meenan, Michael (M), Morag, Paul McAuley

And so it begins...

The future's bright; the future's biotech

Siduri (Main Programme), 15:30 – 16:30

Charles Stross, Ian Whates, Ken MacLeod, Kirsti van Wessel (M), Paul McAuley, Sacha

The panel discusses some of the numerous modern advances in biotechnology, from microbes to gene therapy. What are the most exciting developments in real science, and how do they compare with examples from speculative fiction?

Possible worlds

Toma (Alternative), 15:30 – 16:30

Ed Buckley

Join Satellite 5 Guest of Honour Ed on a fantastic voyage. Starting from Venus he will explore some of the myriad worlds of science fiction before returning for his grand conclusion.

The unbelievable truth

Siduri (Main Programme), 16:30 – 17:30

Dave Ellis (M), Doug S, Ian Sorensen, Rhionnach, Stuart

Can you tell fact from fiction? Join Dave Ellis and our learned raconteurs for a fannish version of the popular Radio 4 game show.

Venus in literature

Toma (Alternative), 16:30 – 17:30

David, Mark Meenan (M), The Fossil, Yvonne Rowse

Satellite's perennial book panel looks at titles through the ages featuring the planet Venus.

The cultural evolution of the Zombie

Siduri (Main Programme), 17:30 – 18:30

Fran Dowd

Our vision of the Zombie has changed considerably over the last hundred years. Fran guides us from Haiti to Korea, as the silent plantation slaves become the apocalypse. Warning: contains gore and strong language.

Shoreline of Infinity book launch

Toma (Alternative), 17:30 – 18:30

Duncan Lunan, Noel Chidwick

Shoreline of Infinity have republished *Starfield*, a classic collection of Scottish science fiction. Come along, buy a copy, and meet the book's editor, Duncan Lunan.

The author speaks

Siduri (Main Programme), 18:30 – 19:30

Cameron Johnston, Cat Hellisen, Ian Whates, Neil Williamson (M)

Come and listen to readings from some of the talented authors attending Satellite 6.

Chocolate biscuit quiz

Toma (Alternative), 18:30 – 19:30

Tig

Risk it for a biscuit? Join Tig and sample some delicious morsels as we delve into all things biscuity. Win prestige, honour and some home baking!

Faircon@40

Siduri (Main Programme), 19:30 – 20:30

Alice, Cuddles, Ian Sorensen, Michael (M), Munchkin, Vincent Docherty

Forget Graham Norton! Our very own Chair interviews some of the great and good (or possibly the good, the bad and the ugly) who have contributed to four decades of Glasgow conrunning

Science ceilidh

Siduri (Main Programme), 21:30 – 24:00

The fabulous Science Ceilidh Band will be taking us through some science-themed dances along with traditional favourites.

Saturday Programme Items

Space law and science fiction literature

Siduri (Main Programme), 10:00 – 11:00

Dr Saskia Vermeylen

This talk explores science fiction literature as a source of legal imagination and speculative jurisprudence with the main aim to develop new space law that can guide a more ethical relationship between law and technology in future space endeavours.

Yoga workshop

Toma (Alternative), 10:00 – 11:00

Allison Ewing

Join Allison and get those tired joints moving with a relaxing but invigorating start to your day. We recommend participants have a light breakfast at least 1 hour (and ideally 1.5 to 2 hours) before attending the workshop. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 10 participants.

LARP Session 1

Hathor (Workshops), 10:00 – 12:00

Eleanor

Vesper VIII, the first manned mission to Venus has launched. Through hard work you have all been lucky enough to be selected to be part of the crew. The first several months have passed uneventfully; however communications have just failed. Can you work together to get things fixed, or is this the start of something worse?

Venus on screen

Siduri (Main Programme), 11:00 – 12:00

Dave Lally, DC (M)

A two-person talk (or possibly a very small panel?) in which DC and Dave Lally discuss various incarnations of Venus in film and TV. With video (and yes we really do mean VHS)!

Elsewhen Press Book Launch

Toma (Alternative), 11:00 – 12:00

Christopher Nuttall, Dave Weaver, Peter Buck

Elsewhen Press will be featuring the titles: *The Promised Lie* by Christopher Nuttall, *Timekeepers* by Dave Weaver, *Instrument of Chaos* by Rebecca Hall, *Fictional Alignment* by Mike French, and *The Ghost in You* by Katrina Mountfort. Christopher and Dave will be available to sign copies of their work.

Kaffeeklatsch: Paul McAuley

Off piste, 11:00 – 11:45

Paul McAuley

A chance to have coffee and a chat with our Guest of Honour. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 8 participants.

What will aliens look like?: a guide for scientists and science fiction readers and writers

Siduri (Main Programme), 12:00 – 13:00

Professor Charles Cockell

Will we ever find aliens and if we do, what will they look like? Will they look like us or be made like us? If we find intelligent life, will it be like Yoda? Although we have no example of alien life, the biology of Earth gives us very strong clues about how other life might be constructed. This talk will explore the science and science fiction of alien life.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 40th Anniversary panel

Toma (Alternative), 12:00 – 13:00

Doug S (M), Dyllanne, Fran Dowd, Helenex, Miss Fairchild

Panels, don't talk to me about panels! This one discusses the various incarnations of the HHGTTG – books, radio, TV and perhaps even the film – along with its legacy and influence.

Marbling workshop

Hathor (Workshops), 12:00 – 13:00

Ila

Come along and learn how to do marbling. Make your own bookmarks, cards and pictures. Marbling can be done on most household objects, so bring

along those old mugs you were going to throw out and give them a new lease of life. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 12 participants.

Guest of Honour Paul McAuley

Siduri (Main Programme), 13:00 – 14:30

Ian Whates, Paul McAuley

Our Guest of Honour Paul McAuley, interviewed by Ian Whates.

Terraforming Venus

Siduri (Main Programme), 14:30 – 15:30

Nik Whitehead

Venus is infamous for being somewhere you would be crushed, choked, burned and fried all at the same time. So what would it take to make the planet more friendly to humans?

The Great Satellite Debate: Who should speak for Planet Earth?

Toma (Alternative), 14:30 – 15:30

Christine (M), Lesley Scott, Piers Beckley, Rhodri, Steve, The Fossil

A light-hearted debate. The aliens have landed. Who's voice should they hear first (above all the high-pitched screaming)?

Improvisation workshop

Hathor (Workshops), 14:30 – 17:30

Lizzit

An improvisation workshop suitable for beginners (more experienced participants are also welcome). Sign up in Ops. Maximum 20 participants.

Living in a space society

Siduri (Main Programme), 15:30 – 16:30

Charles Stross, Dr Saskia Vermeylen, Farah, John Bray (M), Ken MacLeod, Paul McAuley

Moon bases, Mars colonies, mining the asteroids. The future of space travel seems to be in the hands of private companies like SpaceX and Virgin Galactic. Are we destined to have society in space follow the Company Town model or can we hope for something better?

Yet yet more inadvisable rocket science

Toma (Alternative), 15:30 – 16:30

Phil

The latest instalment of really bad ideas that didn't get spotted until far later than you would have expected.

Steamin' – Glasgow's real steampunk

Siduri (Main Programme), 16:30 – 17:30

Feorag

Scots invented everything, we know that. A look at some inventions built in Scotland (and mostly Glasgow) that resemble the fictional work of an inebriated steampunk creator. Contains monorails.

Blake's 7 40th Anniversary panel

Toma (Alternative), 16:30 – 17:30

A Ming has no name, Christine (M), Piers Beckley, Stevie Carroll, The Fossil

Despite low (no!) budget special effects and a predilection for quarries, Blake's 7 was in many ways a ground-breaking TV series. Long-term fans discuss why this is so and debate the perennial question of whether the show should be brought back.

NewCon Press book launch

Siduri (Main Programme), 17:30 – 18:30

Cat Hellisen, Ian Whates

NewCon Press launch Cat Hellisen's new novel *Learning How to Drown*. Meet the author and buy a copy of her work.

Blasters & Starbucks

Toma (Alternative), 17:30 – 18:30

Cuddles, Throgg

Inspired by the game *Cash & Guns*, Cuddles and Ralph present a rowdy, interactive shoot 'em up for 6 players, battling it out for the biggest pile of loot! Are you a Space Pirate, a Dashing Smuggler or a King Pin wannabe? Join in the fun. We'll be running two games with six participants in each. Sign up in Ops.

There was a young lady from Venus...

Hathor (Workshops), 17:30 – 18:30

Tig

Join Tig for an hour spent composing limericks, haiku and other types of verse.

The Doctor Who / Game of Thrones Crossover Pub Quiz

Siduri (Main Programme), 18:30 – 19:30

Exay Bachay, Mad Elf

So you think you spotted all the actors from Doctor Who who appear in Game of Thrones? I bet you missed a few. Form your team and test your knowledge!

HEMA for writers: character and context

Toma (Alternative), 18:30 – 19:30

Jo Thomas

Jo and helpers explore the relationships between characters' personalities and fighting styles, based on a model used by the Academie Glorianna. She will demonstrate how awareness of this can help writers signal things about their fictional world and the characters who fight in it.

LARP 2

Hathor (Workshops), 18:30 – 20:30

Eleanor

The second session of our LARP.

Shoreline of Infinity's Event Horizon

Siduri (Main Programme), 20:15 – 21:45

Join us for a blast of science fictions songs, stories and poetry featuring Ken MacLeod, Painted Ocean – and other exciting names to be revealed. Your host – the effervescent Andrew J Wilson.

Dublin 2019 presents Karaoke

Siduri (Main Programme), 22:00 – 24:00

Incognito

Get up and belt out your favourite numbers (π? e? 42?) with the Dublin 2019 Team.

Sunday Programme Items

Clanger cuisine

Siduri (Main Programme), 10:00 – 11:00

Doug S

In the latest of his Serious Scientific Talks, Doug S expounds the virtues of cooking soup and blue string pudding, and explores what we might infer about the local biology

The Satellite 6 triathlon

Toma (Alternative), 10:00 – 11:00

Ila, Tig

Ila challenges teams to some fiendish games involving scavenging, anagrams, and improvisation. Three teams of four needed. Sign up in Ops.

Satellite Fun Run

Off piste, 10:00 – 11:00

Audrey

Olympic runner or gentle ambler? It doesn't matter in this Fun Run led by Audrey. Just do it!

Superhero writers

Siduri (Main Programme), 11:00 – 12:00

Cat Hellisen, Christopher Nuttall, Dave Weaver, Neil Williamson (M), Paul McAuley, Ruth EJ Booth

The double-life of sci-fi scribes with everyday jobs. Writers at different stages in their careers discuss how to balance writing and making ends meet.

The Internet is (still) Made of Cats

Toma (Alternative), 11:00 – 12:00

David, Mad Elf

An eclectic selection of the bizarre, stupid and beautiful from the internet mostly featuring cats, science fiction and music. Note: contains the occasional swears word and some fake blood.

Chaos modelling

Hathor (Workshops), 11:00 – 13:00

Julian

The British Poultry Breeders Space Division has launched a probe to Venus. Due to budgetary issues (mostly because of Breggxit) the lander pod has not been properly protected. Supplied only with glue, duct tape, and the best single-use plastics Earth's ecosystem has rejected, can you save the mission?

Kaffeeklatsch: Charles Stross

Off piste, 11:00 – 11:45

Charles Stross

A chance of coffee and a chat with Satellite 3's Guest of Honour. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 8 participants.

Apollo to Venus in the '70s

Siduri (Main Programme), 12:00 – 13:00

Robert Law

A talk covering proposals to use Apollo space craft for Venus and Mars fly-by missions. Robert will also look at SF films and books with this as the story and consider possibilities for using the Orion Space Launch System and BFR for future Venus missions.

I'm Satellite, I haven't a clue

Toma (Alternative), 12:00 – 13:00

Ian Sorensen, Ian Whates, Lizzit, Misha (M), The Legend that is

Not enough Radio 4 influence on programming? Well, don't get the Humph! Grab your Uxbridge Galactic Dictionary, brush up on the rules of Mornington Cosmos, and Rush down to join Samantha and our panel for a dose of Dee-lightful entertainment. Kazoos not mandatory.

Data, Knowledge, Wisdom

Siduri (Main Programme), 13:00 – 14:00

Charles Stross, Mark Meenan (M), Naveed, Nik Whitehead, V Anne Smith

The panel discusses 'big data', explaining what it is and giving some positive examples of its beneficial uses, as a counterpoint to the generally negative examples we see in the Press.

Quark's Bar challenge

Toma (Alternative), 13:00 – 14:00

Christine, Morag

An alcohol-based quiz proving the hoo-mons will drink just about anything (for over 18's only). Sign up in Ops. Maximum 35 participants.

Knit and knatter: knitting workshop

Hathor (Workshops), 13:00 – 15:00

Sha

A chance for everyone interested in knitting to get together, compare notes, and have a good chat. All welcome from beginners to experts.

Space resources: engineering beyond planetary boundaries

Siduri (Main Programme), 14:00 – 15:00

Colin McInnes

This lecture will discuss the engineering requirements to utilise space resources, such as metal-rich near-Earth asteroids, while speculating on the future large-scale engineering ventures they could enable.

All-apocrypha panel: Stuff the robots!

Toma (Alternative), 14:00 – 15:00

Ambassador Harold (M), Catriona Beel, Doris Panda, Feorag, Fluff the Plush Cthulhu, Jofli A Bear, Kallakatz, Martin Hoare, Skite, Stevie Carroll

A panel of apocrypha discuss whether their kind represent a more cost-effective, feasible and reliable way for NASA to explore space than robots.

Kaffeeklatsch: Ken MacLeod

Off piste, 14:00 – 14:45

Ken MacLeod

A chance of coffee and a chat with Satellite 1's Guest of Honour. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 8 participants.

Soundtracks for strangeness

Siduri (Main Programme), 15:00 – 16:00

Cuddles, David Stokes, Ian Taft (M), Malcolm, Zoe Sumra

Many SF and Fantasy movie soundtracks draw heavily on Western music of the 19th and early 20th centuries. What film (or TV) scores better convey

images of the future, the alien or the other-worldly? The panel nominate and discuss some of their favourite examples.

Anime 101

Toma (Alternative), 15:00 – 16:00

Mad Elf

A presentation for people who aren't already familiar with anime, touching on what it is and why it's worth a look, with some recommendations on titles to try.

Poetry circle

Hathor (Workshops), 15:00 – 16:00

The Legend that is

Bring along a favourite poem to share with the group.

Desert Island Books

Siduri (Main Programme), 16:00 – 17:00

Morag, Paul McAuley

Take one Guest of Honour and maroon them on a deserted planet somewhere. What would they do? What would they read? Time to find out how Paul McAuley would cope.

Science fiction, science fact, science fun

Toma (Alternative), 16:00 – 17:00

Christine, Kallakatz

Come along and join in some daft playground games with a science twist. Involves running, rockets, and radioactivity.

What use is Venus?

Siduri (Main Programme), 17:00 – 18:00

Andy Nimmo, Catriona Beel, Colin McInnes (M), David L Clements, Nik Whitehead, Robert Law

Does Venus have a future in terms of utility to the human race? Will mankind ever want to go there? How could this be achieved?

40 years of Glasgow fandom: an open-mic retrospective

Toma (Alternative), 17:00 – 18:00

Mark Meenan, Vincent Docherty

An open-mic mega-panel. Everyone involved in organising conventions or fan groups in Glasgow over the past 40 years is invited to come and share their memories and anecdotes

Closing ceremony

Siduri (Main Programme), 18:00 – 19:00

Christine, Mad Elf, Mark Meenan, Michael (M), Morag, Paul McAuley

Another Satellite convention comes to an end. Time to say our thank-yous and goodbyes.

Dead Laika Party with Pub Quiz

Siduri (Main Programme), 20:00 – 24:00

Ayaka Elouise, Christine, Mad Elf, Mark Meenan, Michael, Morag, Woj

Join us to wind down under the ever-watchful spirit of Laika, the Satellite Convention Dead Dog of Honour. The Committee will be hosting a pub quiz. We also invite everyone to join in celebrating the engagement of Aya Jackson – who has grown up within Glasgow SF fandom – to Woj Skraskowski.