

The Halsteadarian: Chronicle of the Colne Engine - WORLD PREMIERE

England, 2010; 37 minutes

Written & Directed by Gareth Morgan

Produced by ZenithFilms

Starring Gareth Morgan, Rachel Yeoman, David Hawthorne, David Anthony Wood, & Claire Louise Franklin

Premiere of the definitive cut. They say there is no world beyond Halstead's walls, but The Halsteadarian is determined to find an exit — the Angel of Death, the Beast of Essex, and All The King's Men be damned.

An omnibus of shorts by The League of S.T.E.A.M.

USA, 2009-10;

“Commercial” Written & Directed by Andrew Fogel

Produced by Trip Hope

The League of S.T.E.A.M. (Supernatural and Troublesome Ectoplasmic Apparition Management) is a team of inventors & adventurers who chronicle their paranormal researches in an ongoing web series. When not slaying vampires or making optometric house calls to bridge trolls, the League labors tirelessly to advance the state of the art in steam-powered ghost hunting apparatus.

Machine

England, 2010; 10 minutes

Written, Directed, & Produced by Gavin & Jason Fox

Starring The Flippers & The Boob

The Fangorium time machine is ready to carry you across four periods of terrestrial history. For your safety, and the safety of humanity as we know it, please keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle. With top-of-the-line power grids, time circuits, and paradox lock

fail-safes installed, what could go wrong?

McDonough

USA, 2009; 2 minutes

Written & Directed by Kyle Stephens

Produced by Wingsuit Pictures

A stop-motion musical short. All of Edinburgh has turned out to watch Davison Ichabod McDonough's final blunder. Will he turn out to be a crackpot or a lesson for all time?

Nickel Children

USA, 2010; 16 minutes

Written & Directed by Kevin Eslinger

Produced by Eslinger Films

Starring Amanda Bailey, Easton Lee McCuiston, & Jeremy Snowden

A stolen boy, Jack, finds himself fighting for survival as an amusement for the decadent & depraved rich of an alternate history's Kansas dustbowl. However, one among them is determined to find the child that will be the key in ending the war in America . . . whatever the cost.

Steampunk in Oxford

England, 2009; 5 minutes

Directed & Produced by Suzy Prior

The video introduction to the 2009-10 Steampunk exhibition at Oxford University's Museum of the History of Science, featuring work by steampunk makers from around the globe; interviewees include Jim Bennett, Art Donovan, Thomas Willeford, and James Richardson-Brown.

### Succumb

USA, 2010; 15 minutes

Written & Directed by Jonathan Sheets

Produced by Blue Ridge Films

Starring Kylie Baker, Winston Djonli, & Blake Harp

Drawing inspiration from the Firefly and Star Wars universes, “Succumb” explores the corrupting influence of power and the thin line between good and evil.

### Tempus Ex Machina

USA, 2009; 17 minutes

Written & Directed by Andrew Fogel

Produced by

Starring Brian Ellsworth & Jeff Tidwell

A struggling inventor accidentally transports himself back in time to the year 1878 and decides to patent the electric light before Thomas Edison can. However, the inventor must soon face the consequences of disrupting history.

### The Tesla Experiment

USA, 2010; 6 minutes

Written, Directed, & Produced by Adriel Garcia

Starring Dennis Mahoney, Jared Morelli, & Jonathan Francois

“The Tesla Experiment: Twain in Vain” pairs Mark Twain and Nikola Tesla against a seemingly unstoppable foe in this Saturday morning-styled animated action comedy.

### Virus

Australia, 2005; 15 minutes

Written & Directed by Stephen Amis

The Danger Element from Doctor Elymas’ grasp before it can be stabilized and installed in his machine. This web series pilot features Doug Jones (Hellboy, Pan’s Labyrinth) in a villainous turn.

### Every Storm Has an End

USA, 2010; 3 minutes

Written, Directed, Produced by & Starring Mark Rossmore

A vignette in media res from the narrative concept album Circumnavigator, set to the track “Above the Overcast” by Escape the Clouds. When fate itself seems against us, all it takes is the magic of one moment to drive us onward.

### The Forgotten Invention of Love

Russia, 2010; 10 minutes

Written & Directed by Andrey Shuskov

Produced by HHG Film Company

This haunting “love story from the world of gears and bolts” depicts a storybook steampunk world animated in Victorian shadow-screen style.

### The Gray Matter - US PREMIERE

Canada, 2010; 20 minutes

Written & Directed by Steven Denault

Produced by Tovah Paglaro & Samantha Jo Simmonds

Starring John R. Taylor, John Paul McGlynn, Richard de Klerk, Merrilyn Gann, & Lara Gilchrist

The renowned Pianist Harland Clark abandoned his music only to be haunted by the very tragedy he was seeking to avoid. Now in his twilight, he must find the courage to face the dreams and memories of a life left behind.

Y:YY - Awards Selection & Ceremony; previews of coming attractions; a word from the Festival Director

8:20pm - Feature Film - Vidocq (France, 2001, unrated, 98 minutes)

An alternate history of the legendary French criminal-turned-criminologist, directed by Pitof, the visual effects wizard behind La Cite des Enfants Perdue (The City of Lost Children). This steampunk-fantasy action thriller is recommended for mature audiences, and will be shown in French with English subtitles.

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#### Short Films by Title

##### Child Invisible

USA, 2010; 29 minutes

Written, Directed, & Produced by Bethe H. Gordon

Starring Kylie Chalfa, Ralph Lister, Charles Pacello, & Jessica Manuel

Noemie, an eleven year old prodigy, desires to remember her deceased mother but is kept blinded by her emotionally distant father. Her father's assistant re-inspires her curiosity, and Noemie secretly sets out to follow in her mother's scientific footsteps.

##### The Danger Element Episode 1

USA, 2009; 12 minutes

Written & Directed by John Soares

Produced by Westhavenbrook Productions

Starring Doug Jones, John Soares, & Ben Page

Battle Jitni, member of a secret order of vigilantes, must wrench

Produced by Revolution Pictures

Starring Kerry Armstrong, John Stanton, & Belle Leslie

Scientific endeavor and aetheric gadgetry frame a story of two women fighting Victorian assumptions to make their mark on the world — and the heavens.

#### Music Videos

“Cup of Brown Joy”

by Professor Elemental

from the album The Indifference Engine

Directed by Moog Gravett

Steep yourself in the Professor's hot and fresh flow about his favorite pour.

Assam? Lovely.

“Heart of Stone”

by The Raveonettes

from the album In and Out of Control

Directed by Chris Do

A visually stunning portrait of heartbreak and self-destruction, set to soft voices and huge guitars.

“Written in Stone”

by Moth

from the album Fruit Machine Scenario

Directed by Ben Henderson

“This video was made by a family of three in a hallway.” - Ben Henderson

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## Guest Bios

### Meljean Brook

Meljean was raised in the middle of the woods, and hid under her blankets at night with fairy tales, comic books, and romances. She left the forest and went on a misguided tour through the world of accounting before focusing on her first loves, reading and writing—and she realized that monsters, superheroes, and happily-ever-afters are easily found between the covers, as well as under them, so she set out to make her own.

Meljean lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband and daughter.

### Michell Durrin

Michell Durrin is a promoter, model, and well-known fixture of Portland's event and convention circuit, an officer of the Portland Steampunk Society, and a stage manager & event producer with Iniquitous Productions and other local entertainment collectives. Some have speculated that Michell is in fact the mysterious and deadly Oberleutnant Petra Genoveva, "the Silesian Kitten", recon photographer and gunnery officer aboard the zeppelin Der Fliegende Igel -- but such loose talk is dangerous.

### Bethe H. Gordon

Moving to Los Angeles to attend film school was the last thing on my mind while growing up on the east coast of Long Island. A serious student in the sciences, I received my Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Barnard College at Columbia University in

"Who knows the end? What has risen may sink, and what has sunk may rise."

-H.P.L., "The Call of Cthulhu"

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## Schedule of Events

Noon - Doors open

12:15pm - Feature Film - The Fabulous Adventures of Jules Verne (Czechoslovakia, 1958, unrated, 83 minutes)

A visual spectacle by Czech national treasure Karel Zeman, based on Verne's Facing the Flag. Integrating live action, animation, and miniatures in his trademark style, Zeman achieves the illusion of a moving Victorian-era engraving.

1:45pm - Short Film Program One \*\*\*LIST FILMS\*\*\*

Intermission ~ Fifteen Minutes

3:15pm - Portland's Steampunk Authors in Conversation

A moderated discussion followed by questions from the audience and a book signing.

Intermission ` Fifteen Minutes

4:30pm - Short Film Program Two \*\*\*LIST FILMS\*\*\*

Dinner Break ~ One Hour

X:XX - Short Film Program Three \*\*\*LIST FILMS\*\*\*

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all the generous and talented filmmakers who submitted their films to our inaugural festival.

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Andrew Migliore

2002.

I realized that the academic path would not suit me after I completed my first computer animated short, *The Wink*, in 2002. I ended my two and a half year career as a computer consultant to pursue my Master of Fine Art degree at the University of Southern California in January of 2005. I have never imagined being so in love and dedicated to such an exciting and new career.

Since moving to L.A., I have completed several short films ranging from peanut butter and jelly sandwiches taking over a man's world and the tales of director Calvin FrankenPaul-Stein to the story of what it may take to make a decision, and have co-edited a short documentary focusing on impeding global disasters, *Ready or Not*.

Currently I am in the process of writing and producing my thesis film to complete my MFA.

M.K. Hobson

M.K. Hobson was born in Riverside, California, but grew up in Portland, Oregon. She attended the University of Oregon, where she ran Catalyst Films (the campus film society), helped launch *The Student Insurgent* (a radical progressive 'zine that's still being published) and drove night-shift cab in nearby Springfield, Oregon. After graduating with a degree in English and Communications, she moved to Hiroshima, Japan to teach English. Returning to the United States two years later, she purchased *The Northwest Neighbor*, a community newspaper founded by legendary Portland mayor Bud Clark. She ran the paper for several years before moving on to a career in the field of corporate communications, working with Fortune 500 clients in the fields of retirement and healthcare.

Currently, she is one of the co-hosts of *Podcastle*, the acclaimed short fiction podcast. She lives in Oregon City, Oregon with her husband and daughter. (photo © Kelly Robson 2009)

Jay Lake

Jay Lake has been described as one of the rising stars of the science fiction and fantasy genre. Since first appearing on the scene in late 2001, he has seen over 240 short stories published, along with seven novels out, and three more forthcoming over the next few years. His work has received starred reviews in Publishers Weekly and Booklist, and significant recognition within the science fiction and fantasy field. He has won two of the most prestigious awards in science fiction and been nominated for numerous others.

Today Jay Lake lives in Portland, Oregon, where he works on multiple writing and editing projects. His 2007 book Mainspring received a starred review in Booklist. His 2009 novels are Green from Tor Books, Madness of Flowers from Night Shade Books, and Death of a Starship from MonkeyBrain Books. His short fiction appears regularly in literary and genre markets worldwide. Jay is a winner of the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and a multiple nominee for the Hugo and World Fantasy Awards. Jay can be reached through his Web site at [www.jlake.com](http://www.jlake.com). (Photo © Roger Podva 2009)

Andrew P. Mayer

Andrew Mayer has spent sixteen years involved with every facet of game design and production, bringing his unique insight and skills to companies such as Sony, Time/Warner, PlayFirst, Zynga, The Learning Company, 2K Boston, and more. He has been a creative force behind numerous best-selling titles, turning his unique insights in player participation and interaction into highly successful projects spanning a variety of genres and media, including online, television, and retail.

As a writer Andrew has completed numerous short stories and a

Welcome

to the 1st annual

[Rose City Steampunk Film Festival]

Sunday, the 13th of February, 2011

at the

Clinton St. Theater, Portland, Oregon

celebrating neo-Victorian retrofuturism in classic & contemporary motion pictures, and featuring our special guests:

Filmmakers

Kyle Stephens, Cassie Meder, & Bethe H. Gordon

and Authors

Devon Monk, Andrew Mayer, M.K. Hobson,  
Jay Lake, & Meljean Brook

with your Mistress of Ceremonies

Michell Durrin

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