

## **Corflu Pangloss – A Fanzine Convention**

*The best of all possible Corflus, under the circumstances.*

### **Corflu 39 - Pangloss**

March 18-20, 2022

Best Western+ Sands Hotel

1755 Davie Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6G 1W5 Canada

### **All the Caveats**

As of this writing, we see some light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, but we're not out of the dark yet. Canada seemed to allow US residents to enter, but we've checked their current requirements, and the situation is still cloudy. So, even more so than in the Before Time, all plans are provisional until they become historical. But with that understanding, [SFX: fanfare] Corflu Pangloss has a hotel, we have convention dates, and now we're on to planning the convention, with our fingers crossed to see what the universe will next fling at us. If you'd like to provisionally plan to come play with us, that would be swell.

### **The Location**

The Best Western+ Sands is situated smack in the middle of Vancouver's West End, one of the liveliest and most appealing quarters of the city. Its front door lies steps away from the beach at English Bay, and the neighborhood offers a variety of taverns, shops, promenades, restaurants fancy, plain, or ethnic, and general amenities, including, just around the corner, a brewpub called The Three Brits. (We're looking forward to checking that out sometime in the fall.) The hotel is within a 30 minute bus or Aquabus radius of many of the city's attractions, including the Vancouver Art Gallery, Stanley Park, the Vancouver Aquarium, Gastown with its steam clock, Science World situated in a giant Bucky Fuller golf ball dome, Lonsdale Quay shopping, the Waterfront station of the Skytrain's Expo Line, built to show off views of the city to visitors to Expo '86, and more shopping at the Granville Island public market. It's also a 15-minute bus from the Yaletown-Roundhouse station of Skytrain's Canada Line, which will connect you to the Vancouver airport (YVR).

### **The Hotel**

The convention rate is available March 12-23, 2022 (though we only have guaranteed rooms March 16-23, so if you can, book early).

### **Room Rates:**

Double Queen room (single/double occupancy): \$105 CAD per room, per night

Double Queen room (triple occupancy): \$120 CAD per room, per night

Double Queen room (quadruple occupancy): \$135 CAD per room, per night

King room with balcony (single/double occupancy): \$120 CAD per room, per night

(Quoted room rates do NOT include standard taxes and fees which total 15% + a \$3 Environmental Fee; nonetheless, these rates are fantastically reasonable for a West End hotel)

The room block confirmation number is 4087. Guests may reserve on the convention's secured web link or call 1-604-682-1831 or email [sands@bwsands.com](mailto:sands@bwsands.com).

Corflu Hotel secured booking link:

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.62025.html?groupId=N45ZU1Y9](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.62025.html?groupId=N45ZU1Y9)

NB: When you click on that link, the Best Western page you land on will show an image of the hotel with the current rack rate listed next to it. DON'T PANIC. Just scroll down a bit and you will see the room types and rates that are included in our block.

If you're able, we encourage you to book your rooms now so that we can secure as many rooms on the con suite wing as possible, well ahead of the convention. Ideally, we would fill that corridor with fans so

that we don't disturb the sensibilities of non-Corflu guests. Hotel policy allows cancellation without charge up to 48 hours before arrival date, in case plans change or the planet bursts into flames in the interim.

When reserving, please ask that your room be on the 4th Floor, where the con suite will be located.

Please also note that hotel PARKING is NOT INCLUDED in the room rate, so if you drive to the convention expect to pay an additional \$20 CDN/day for parking.

### **Uncle Roscoe, What's a Corflu?**

Corflu is a convention by and for fanzine fans, and people interested in them (the fanzines or the fans, really). The convention centers on panel discussions and programmed fun, with a lot of unstructured socializing orbiting around that, especially in the convivial consuite. Highlight events typically include a fanzine auction, an awards brunch banquet included in the membership rate, and some sort of audience-participatory game show. Unstructured or informal events have been known to include whisky tastings, walking tours, group meal outings, expeditions to local attractions of fannish interest, and late night poker or other card or table games. Active fan editors often bring a sheaf of their most recent fanzine issue on offer for The Usual.

### **The Program**

For close to forty years, now, Corflu celebrates fans, fanzines, fan activity, and the many-headed conversation that runs through them. Our program will touch on timebinding, but also readings, comedy, scurrilous gossip, and the ways fanzines relate to current and future fanac writ large. Also legally mandated Canadian content, of course. We will focus on "The Corflu Era," but names like Burbee, Tucker, and Lord Dunsany may pop up as well. *We hope you will share program ideas you're excited about, and consider being on the program, especially if you've never been asked before.*

### **The Fanthology**

A fanthology is a collection of written or graphic work by one or more fans. The contents are frequently reprinted from the pages of well-regarded fanzines, and usually incorporate original introductions, illustrations, and other framing material. Some fanthologies have collected a selection of the nominal best work from a single calendar year, while others present the work of a particular fan or group of fans. Corflu Pangloss will publish **GIANT SHOULDERS**, a fanthology of works by the writers and artists previously honored with Corflu's Lifetime Achievement Award. All members of the convention will receive a paper hard copy of the collection.

### **The Committee**

Instigator	Ulrika O'Brien
Hotel Liaison	Suzanne Tompkins (Suzle)
Treasurer	Hal O'Brien
Registrar	Jerry Kaufman
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Fanthology	Andy Hooper
Jerry Kaufman	
Programming	Andy Hooper
Claire Brialey	
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### **Becoming a Member**

Attending Member (rate good through October 30, 2021)  
Canada US      Eurozone      UK

	\$75	\$60	" 50	£45
Supporting Member (Always)	\$32	\$25	" 21	£18

US dollar denominated checks should be made payable to **Hal O'Brien**

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 apparently this won't work if you're in Canada. Apparently people don't have  
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## The Members

Claire	Brialey	Attend	10
Richard	Cameron	Attend	28
Eli	Cohen	Attend	24
Jen	Farey	Attend	17
Nic	Farey	Attend	16
Doug	Faunt	Attend	32
Tommy	Ferguson	Attend	12
Keith	Freeman	Attend	20
Linda	Gerstein	Attend	25
Lucy	Huntzinger	Attend	9
Rob	Jackson	Attend	26
Jerry	Kaufman	Attend	15
Gary	Mattingly	Attend	29
Mary Ellen	Moore	Attend	7
Murray	Moore	Attend	6
Andrew	Murdoch	Attend	21
John	Nielsen Hall	Attend	13
Hal	O'Brien	Attend	19
Ulrika	O'Brien	Attend	18
Mark	Olson	Attend	3
Mark	Plummer	Attend	11
John	Purcell	Attend	22
Valerie	Purcell	Attend	23

Geri	Sullivan	Attend	8
Suzle	Tompkins	Attend	14
Dennis	Virzi	Attend	5
Pat	Virzi	Attend	4
Ted	White	Attend	1
John	Hertz	Support	30
Robert	Lichtman	Support	2
Perry	Middlemiss	Support	31
Peter	Sullivan	Support	27

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