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Panel Name	Date & Time	Is Live	Panel Description
Writing Effective Query Letters	10/23/2020 10:30am	Live	Query letters - they can seem to be an arcane form of magic that one must conquer to find the perfect home for your book. Join our panelists as they give their tips and tricks for writing an effective query letter.
Machete or Scalpel: Editing your work	10/23/2020 12:00pm	Live	Whether it's with surgical precision or whacking through the jungle of your words, you should choose your editing tools carefully. Come learn about the pros and cons of how you edit your work.
Plotting, Pantsing, and In-between	10/23/2020 1:30pm	Live	Some like to plot, some fly by the seat of their pants, some try for a middle ground. Come hear these authors discuss how they handle plotting (or not!) their novels and stories.
Hour w/Steve Rasnic Tem	10/23/2020 3:00pm	Live	Join GOH Steve Rasnic Tem as he is interviewed by local author Stace Johnson. Participate in a live Q&A.
Ethics and Art	10/23/2020 4:30pm	Live	What are the ethics of art? How do you straddle the line between pushing the envelope and not being objectionable for the sake of objectionable? Join our panel as they discuss what the ethics of art are, and how they work within them.

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Opening Ceremonies	10/23/2020 6:00pm	Live	Join our Guests of Honor for our opening ceremonies. Hear from them what excites them about the convention, and what to look forward to.
Disposable Characters	10/23/2020 10:00am	Live	Women in refrigerators and lesbians can't find love without dying - there are a lot of tropes about characters being disposable. Join our panelists to discuss the difference between killing off a character to motivate the plot or move it along versus just throwing one away.
Alternate Food Services	10/23/2020 11:30am	Live	Crickets? Lab grown meat? What will the food sources of the future look like, and what are the alternatives to the traditional meat and potatoes now.
Planning Your Series	10/23/2020 1:00pm	Live	You have an idea - and it'd make a great trilogy, or longer! Now what? Join our panelists as they discuss how to successfully plan and plot a series that your readers will be excited about and continue to be excited about - meaning you do actually get to write book 4 (or 11).
Early Computer Animation	10/23/2020 2:30pm	Live	Join Ed Kramer, The Wizard of Hollywood, for a look at the early history of computer animation. Sure to thrill all ages.

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America as She Isn't	10/23/2020 4:00pm	Live	What is the fascination with alternate Americas? From the dystopias of The Hunger Games and The Man in the High Castle to more positive depictions of steampunk technology and presidents who are not assassinated - we love to imagine America as She Isn't now. Join our panelists in exploring the many variations of our nation.
The Science in Science Fiction Movies	10/23/2020 5:30pm	Live	Join three Denver Museum of Nature scientists and their co-author, a Metropolitan State University of Denver Film Professor for a look at three science fiction movies and the science within.
The Price of Magic	10/23/2020 11:00am	Live	All things have a price, including magic. Join our panelists as they discuss what the price of magic is, can be, or should be and the authors and creators who have handled this both well and badly.
Cool Podcasts You Might Love	10/23/2020 12:30pm	Live	Listened to all of your usual podcasts? Bored by your usuals? Never tried a podcast? Want something new? Our panelists will suggest cool podcasts you just might love!

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God Save The Other Queen	10/23/2020 2:00pm	Live	Alternate Brittanias range from regency to steampunk to Kit Marlowe surviving assassination and beyond - why do we love them and who does them well. Let's sip tea and talk all things anglophilia of the alternate history type.
Pandemics	10/23/2020 10:30am	Pre-Recorded	Three authors read their own unique takes on stories set in pandemics.
YA For Everyone	10/23/2020 12:00pm	Pre-Recorded	YA - not just for kids! Come enjoy readings of YA aimed at all ages.
Cyberpunk, Steampunk, & Alt History	10/23/2020 12:30pm	Pre-Recorded	From Steampunk to Cyberpunk with a dash of Alt History, enjoy three unique readings from our authors.
Weird Westerns	10/23/2020 1:30pm	Pre-Recorded	Two unique takes on what makes westerns "weird" and unusual.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Alan Pollack	10/23/2020 1:00pm	Live	Join Artist GOH Alan Pollack for a small group zoom conversation.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Wil McCarthy	10/23/2020 2:30pm	Live	Join former GOH Wil McCarthy for a small group zoom conversation.

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Zap! Lightning!	10/23/2020 11:30am	Pre-Recorded	Beautiful and deadly, lightning has long amazed and awed. But how does it work? What would happen if you were struck by lightning? Does lightning occur on other planets? Can you make your own lightning? In this interactive talk with a Ph.D. physicist, discover the science of lightning. No science background necessary!
To "See" New Earths	10/23/2020 1:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Join David Lee Summers as he talks about the NEID mission and the TESS missions and learn a lot more about Kitt's Peak Observatory.
How to Write Good SF&F Comedy	10/23/2020 3:30pm	Live	Writing comedy of any sort is a difficult task. Throw in a dash of fantasy, science fiction, or horror and you add a whole new dimension. Join our panelists as they talk about how to write good SF&F comedy effectively.
Worldbuilding for the page, screen, and game	10/23/2020 5:00pm	Live	How do you build worlds? As it turns out, there is significant overlap between writing worlds for the page, screen, or for a game. Join our panelists for their worldbuilding tips and tricks.
Military SF	10/23/2020 3:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Join three MileHiCon regulars for three very different takes on military SF&F.

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Space Opera	10/23/2020 4:30pm	Pre-Recorded	Join three former GOHs and a debut author new to MileHiCon for their unique takes on Space Opera.
Horror & Creepypasta	10/23/2020 6:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Join local Denver authors Amy Armstrong and Travis Heermann for two readings focused on the darker side of things.
Animals	10/24/2020 10:00am	Pre-Recorded	Animals? Animals! Animals. Join three favorite MHC authors as they bring their own perspective on animals in their readings.
Kaffeeklatsch w/ Walter Jon Williams	10/23/2020 4:00pm	Live	Join author Walter John Williams for a small group zoom conversation.
Open Filking	10/23/2020 5:30pm	Live	Open Filking via zoom. All are welcome.
Real Combat: Fantasy Versus Real Fighting	10/24/2020 10:00am	Live	From the Princess Bride and its actual fencing terms to much more handwavy descriptions of combat - there can be both a connection and a disconnect between how fighting is described in books versus how it plays out in real life. Join our panelists as they talk about how to write solid combat.
Putting the Epic in Epic Fantasy	10/24/2020 10:30am	Live	What makes an epic fantasy epic? Is it the setting? The characters? The scope of the plot? Join our panelists as they talk about putting the epic into epic fantasy.

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Mars Exploration Update	10/24/2020 11:00am	Live	Join Denver Museum of Nature & Science's Dr. Steve Lee for an update on all things Mars exploration.
My First Sale	10/24/2020 10:30am	Pre-Recorded	Join three authors (one new to MileHiCon) as they read from their first sales.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Cory Doctorow	10/24/2020 10:30am	Live	Join author GOH Cory Doctorow for a small group zoom session.
Hour w/Mur Lafferty	10/24/2020 12:00pm	Live	Join author GOH Mur Lafferty for an hour long panel during which she may have anything at all up her sleeve.
Future Technical Disruptions	10/24/2020 11:30am	Live	The 1980s through now have seen mass technical disruption - what do the next 20-30 years hold for us? What sort of future tech will help our lives, and what will disrupt it in new and unanticipated ways?
Kaffeeklatsch w/Jane Lindskold	10/24/2020 11:30am	Live	Join former author GOH Jane Lindskold for a small group zoom discussion.
The Lucy Mission to Jupiter	10/24/2020 11:30am	Pre-Recorded	Joining SWRI's Dr. Carly Howett for her presentation on the Lucy Mission to Jupiter.
Unlikely Heroes	10/24/2020 12:00pm	Pre-Recorded	From crones to farmboys - heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Hear two readings about unlikely heroes.

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Artistic Reference: Use it!	10/24/2020 12:30pm	Live	From life drawing references, to photos, to doing your research on the culture and history of an area, artistic reference comes in all forms. Hear from our panelists why using your references is a good thing.
Building SF&F Mythologies	10/24/2020 1:00pm	Live	How does one build a believable mythology? Join our panelists as they discuss tips and tricks for building your own SF&F mythology.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Carrie Vaughn	10/24/2020 1:00pm	Live	Join author and former GOH Carrie Vaughn for a small group zoom discussion.
Strong Women	10/24/2020 1:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Join three fantastic authors as they read their favorite scenes and stories of Strong Women - may we be them, may we know them, may we raise them.
Year in Science	10/24/2020 1:30pm	Live	What a year 2020 has been to date. Join our panel of experts to talk all things science from the past year.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Barbara Hambly	10/24/2020 1:30pm	Live	Join author and former GOH Barbara Hambly for a small group zoom discussion.
Dystopian	10/24/2020 1:30pm	Pre-Recorded	Join our authors for their takes on dystopias - and see how you feel about the world around you afterwards.

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Keeping It Real People	10/24/2020 2:00pm	Live	Your least favorite teacher, your neighbor, your mother-in-law, that one boss you hated - authors have been basing characters on real people forever. How do you do it carefully and tastefully? And how does this differ from the practice of Tuckerization? Join our panelists to find out.
Amazon KDU & Other Publishing Platforms	10/24/2020 2:30pm	Live	There are a million ways to self-publish these days. From giants like Amazon to going it your own, what makes the most sense and what are the downsides to each? Join our panelists as they discuss.
Kaffeklatsch	10/24/2020 3:00pm	Live	Join author and former GOH Michael Swanwick for a small group zoom discussion.
Hour w/Rebecca Roanhorse	10/24/2020 3:00pm	Live	Join author GOH Rebecca Roanhorse for a reading and Q&A session.
Urban Fantasy	10/24/2020 3:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Join our authors as they read their favorite Urban Fantasy pieces.
Aliens, but Make them Believable	10/24/2020 3:30pm	Live	What makes an alien believable in this day and age? Or rather, what throws you out of the story because you just can't accept it? Join our panelists as they talk aliens and how to make them believable.

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Hour w/Cory Doctorow	10/24/2020 4:30pm	Live	Join author GOH Cory Doctorow for an hour of whatever he might have up his sleeve - a reading? a presentation? a Q&A? Come and find out.
Open Filking	10/24/2020 4:00pm	Live	Open Filking via zoom. All are welcome.
There's Kissing in My SF&F	10/24/2020 4:30pm	Pre-Recorded	You got your romance in my SF&F! You got your SF&F in my romance! Let's enjoy some "kissing" readings together.
SF&F/H in Theater	10/24/2020 4:00pm	Live	Join William Allan Ritch from the Atlanta Radio Theater Company in a panel discussion with local authors and actors about SF&F and Horror in Theater.
Hex Publishing Reading	10/24/2020 5:00pm	Live	Join authors from local publisher Hex Publishing for a reading.

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Horseman of The Hollow	10/24/2020 5:00pm	Pre-Recorded	<p>The Atlanta Radio Theatre presents: The Horseman of the Hollow by Kelley S. Ceccato tells the story of Ichabod Crane's niece, Hepzibah, who, after the Civil War, leaves her home in Connecticut to take a position as a school teacher in a small, rural town Georgia. There she finds another legends about a night-riding horseman seeking his head. But this story rides on a very different path.</p> <p>It was originally performed live, in 2011 at the Academy Theatre, as part of the "Ride Across America" which consisted of 4 separate audio theatre troupes, in 4 different areas of America, telling their own versions of the classic story, one after another from their host cities.</p>
Story Time with Miss Danyda	10/24/2020 5:30pm	Live	Join Miss Danyda, beloved story teller of MileHiCon, for stories for the young and the young at heart.
Masquerade	10/24/2020 6:00pm	Live	It's virtual, but we're still having our usual Masquerade. Come see videos and still photos of our costume submissions.
Delicious Villainy	10/24/2020 6:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Join three of our favorite authors for readings that celebrate the deliciousness of villainy.

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Kaffeeklatsch w/Rebecca Roanhorse	10/25/2020 10:00am	Live	Join author GOH Rebecca Roanhorse for a small group zoom conversation.
Aliens	10/25/2020 10:00am	Pre-Recorded	Join three MHC favorites for a reading about Aliens of all types.
My Favorite Writing Tools	10/25/2020 10:00am	Live	There are an absolute plethora of writing tools available, which makes it nearly impossible to decide what might work for you. Join our panelists as they discuss what their favorite writing tools are and why.
Hour w/Alan Pollack	10/25/2020 10:30am	Live	Join artist GOH Alan Pollack for an hour of whatever he has up his sleeve. Sure to delight and astonish.
GM 101: How to be a good GM	10/25/2020 11:00am	Live	Learn how to be the GM that your players crave, and how to be a GM that makes yourself happy.
Bitcoin and Other Cryptocurrencies	10/25/2020 11:30am	Live	Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies continue to captivate the imagination and spark debate. Join our panelists as they talk the pros and cons - from security to fluidity to climate impact and beyond,
Editing for Yourself and Others	10/25/2020 12:30pm	Live	Is it different editing for yourself versus editing for other people? And if so, how? Join our panelists as they discuss the differences and similarities and their experiences doing both.

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Queer SF&F	10/25/2020 11:30am	Pre-Recorded	Join our authors for three readings by LGBTQIA+ identified authors or with LGBTQIA+ characters
Kaffeeklatsch w/John Stith	10/25/2020 11:30am	Live	Join author and former GOH John Stith for a small group discussion over zoom.
Authors and Social Media	10/25/2020 12:00pm	Live	Social media can be both a blessing and a curse. Join our panel to discuss how to be a good social media citizen and avoid being a troll.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Mur Lafferty	10/25/2020 1:00pm	Live	Join author GOH Mur Lafferty for a small group zoom conversation.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Catherynne Valente	10/25/2020 1:00pm	Live	Join author and former GOH Catherynne Valente for a small group zoom conversation.
Lone Wolves and Other Renegades	10/25/2020 1:00pm	Pre-Recorded	There's something in the mystery of the lone wolf or the renegade - join our authors as they read excerpts from their works and try to demystify them.
Modern Age of Poetry	10/25/2020 1:00pm	Live	Poetry seems to be undergoing a resurgence or a renaissance, including in SF&F/Horror. Join our panelists as they discuss what and who is up and coming and their thoughts on the resurgence.

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Creative Couples	10/25/2020 1:30pm	Live	What is it like to be one half of a pair of creatives? Join our panelists as they discuss their experiences both working with their partners in creative endeavors and working on separate creative endeavors and how they have balanced their creative lives and careers.
Kaffeeklatsch w/Connie and Courtney Willis	10/25/2020 2:30pm	Live	Join former GOH and SWFA Grandmaster Connie Willis and former GOH and Professor Emeritus Courtney "Dr. Science" Willis for a small group zoom discussion.
Setting As Character	10/25/2020 2:30pm	Pre-Recorded	From a windswept planet of alien vistas to the grand canyon - settings can be just as much of a character in a tale as the characters themselves. Hear three takes on settings that are characters of their own.
Ed Bryant Memorial Panel	10/25/2020 2:00pm	Live	Join us as we celebrate the life and works of Ed Bryant, including a newly released compendium of his works. Ed Bryant was a staple of MileHiCon and the Denver SF&F literary scene for many years. Our literacy auction is named in memory of his many good deeds.

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Versions of the Afterlife	10/25/2020 2:30pm	Live	The afterlife comes in all shapes and forms depending on who's doing the writing. Our panelists will discuss the versions they have seen done well (and not so well) and the ways these have been influenced over the years by popular beliefs and the shifting tides of time.
Closing Ceremonies & GOH Remarks	10/25/2020 3:00pm	Live	Join us for our closing ceremonies of the convention. We'll hear one last time from our Guests of Honor, and possibly hear who to look forward to at MHC 53.
Computers, AI, and (Deserved?) Paranoia	10/25/2020 3:30pm	Live	Is it really paranoia when your devices are listening to you and Facebook seems to track your every web search? Let's talk about AI, Computers, Tech, Silicon Valley, and if it really is paranoia to be concerned about the ways it can all go wrong.
Creatives Parenting	10/25/2020 4:00pm	Live	Many of us now understand the struggle of a job plus kids virtually schooling at the same time. Now, throw in the need to pursue creative endeavors - it might get a little interesting. Join our panel as they discuss how their parenting has shaped their creative careers and their creative careers have shaped their parenting.

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Readings From New Releases	10/25/2020 4:00pm	Pre-Recorded	Past GOH Connie Willis and current GOH Cory Doctorow will each read from their newest release.
Orchids and Onions	10/25/2020 4:30pm	Live	Join convention chair Linda Nelson, Wizard of the Zoom Arlen Feldman and programming director Meg Ward for a chance to tell us what went well and what did not.