



The 2018 Pure Speculation Festival Celebrates Edmonton's Nerd Community!

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Returning for its fourteenth year, the **Pure Speculation Festival** is set to once again celebrate science fiction and fantasy storytelling in all its forms!

Join us **June 15 and 16** at the **Alberta Avenue Community Hall** (9210 118 Avenue) for a weekend packed with panels, demonstrations, reptiles, art, stories, music, dance, zombies, and games. Featuring Guests of Honour **Krista D. Ball** (author), **Candas Jane Dorsey** (author and publisher), and **Sam Maggs** (author and Pop Culture expert), along with a host of writers and artists from Edmonton's science fiction and fantasy community.

Organized by nerds for nerds, the **Pure Speculation Festival** is dedicated to creating an inviting and inclusive community event, open to everyone who loves science fiction and fantasy popular culture. **Admission to the festival is free** to all members of the public, so you can bring your family or attend with a group of friends and join in the celebration!

The festival plays host to some of Edmonton's nerdiest vendors, artists, and publishers, such as **Variant Edition Comics + Culture**, **Reveal Books**, illustrator **Chris Moet**, and **Elements Games & Collectibles**. You can stop by **Dragon Paw Lady Face Painting** to get your face painted (and your kids, too), or if zombies are more your thing, let the **Nightmare Circus Performers** teach you "Thriller!" and get some zombie make-up. Plus the festival offers a variety of panels and demos, on everything from **Archeogaming 101** to **Witches in Fiction**, with stops at **Parasol Dueling** or a **Star Trek Trivia Contest** (hosted by **Minister Faust**) in between.

Winding down this celebration of nerdery is the return of the **Internerd BBQ**, hosted by the festival and welcoming nerdy groups from all over Edmonton. Entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter **Vanessa Cardui**, along with the SF-inspired dance of **Eclipse Fusion**. Besides good food and good company, the evening will also feature the **Second Annual Pure Speculation SF Mastery Quiz**.

Celebrate everything there is to love about science fiction and fantasy with the **Pure Speculation Festival** this summer!

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