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'Star Trek' actor at BR Fandemonium

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Want to meet an actor famous for his roles on sci fi TV? Hit Fandemonium this weekend to talk with Robert Picardo from "Star Gate: Atlantis" and his best-known portrayal as the holographic doctor of "Star Trek: Voyager." Picardo will meet fans at the Manship Theatre Friday, Nov. 12, as Fandemonium and the Red Stick International Animation Festival presents a special screening of his new film, "The Legends of Nethiah." The actor will return to the Manship Theatre Saturday at 1 p.m. for another public event. The film's producer, Howard Nash, also plans to participate in local Fandemonium events.

While Nash sees fan-driven events like Fandemonium as a blast for the public, they are also very valuable audience research tools for professional filmmakers.

"The audience gives feedback to what they just saw, so it's a good opportunity for the filmmaker to have that give and take with the audience," Nash said.

As a producer with 10 years of films to his credit, Nash has made all kinds of movies. But he respects the strong appeal of science fiction cinema, especially when fans can participate by seeing a rough cut.

"Many of the people attending want an inside view of making a science fiction motion picture. A rough cut invites your audience to become more involved in the process of making the film," Nash said.

Also, if you want to learn "How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse" or debate "Who is Doctor Who?" there are forums for those exact topics and more for a total of 20 Fandemonium presentations set to roll in the Hilton Capitol Center on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

One of the Fandemonium organizers is Andrew Myers, a history teacher at Woodlawn Middle School. He sees the entertaining aspects of science fiction as a great learning opportunity for anyone with an imagination.

"What are people going to live like in the future? What kind of culture are they going to have? It always been a curiosity of mine to see how things will play out in the future," Myers said.

Even with Hollywood actors and producers on hand,

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