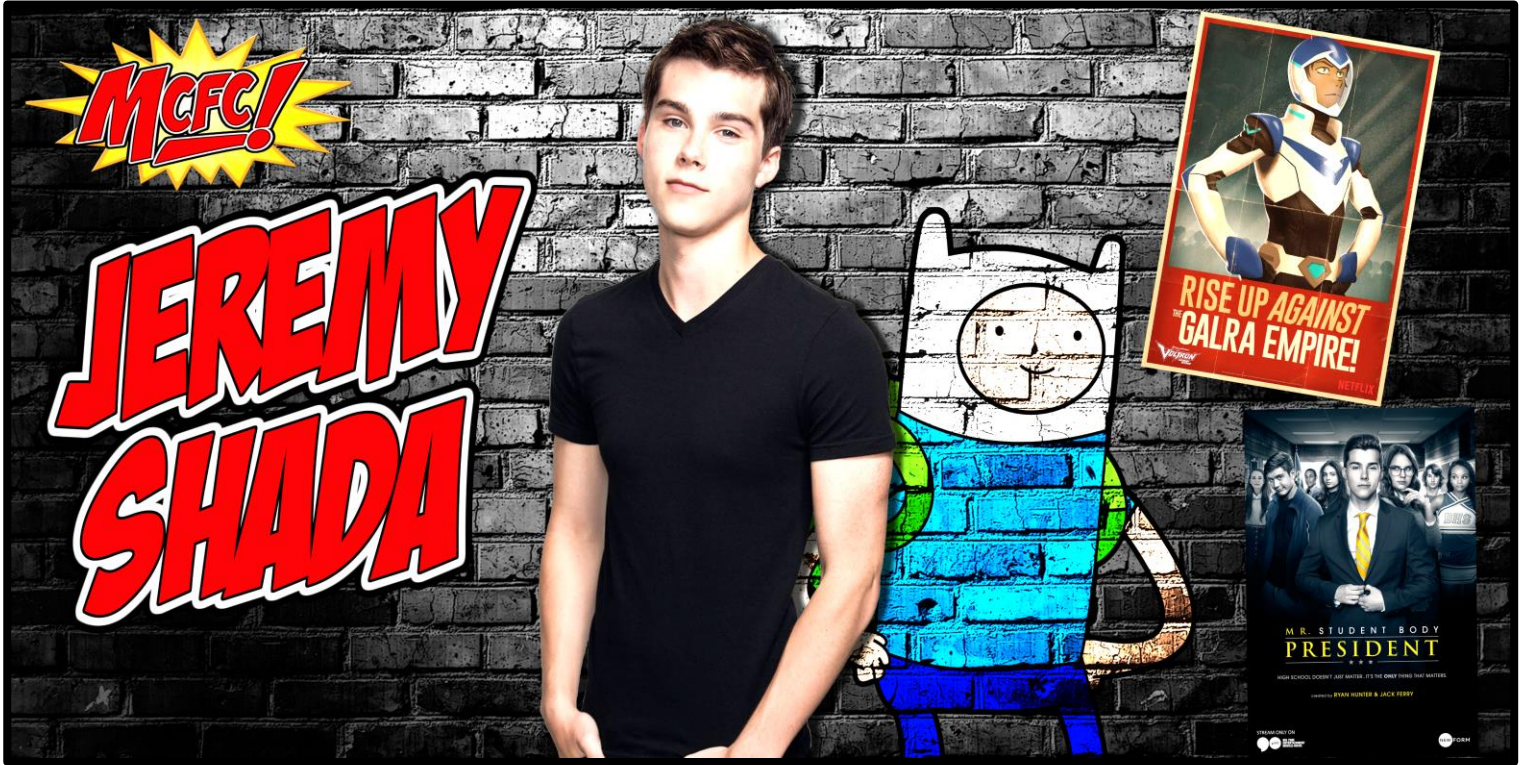




2017 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

The MCFC Welcomes our Guest of Honor Jeremy Shada



Jeremy Shada's MCFC Schedule

Friday Nov. 17

4:00pm to 5:30pm In Autograph Alley

Autographs and Photo Ops with Jeremy Shada

7:30pm In the Theater. Q&A with Jeremy Shada

Jeremy joins the crew from Geek Tank Radio to help kick off the MCFC!

8:00pm to 9:00pm In Autograph Alley

Autographs and Photo Ops with Jeremy Shada

Saturday Nov. 18

10:30am to 11:30am In Autograph Alley

Autographs and Photo Ops with Jeremy Shada

12:00 noon In the Theater. Q&A with Jeremy Shada

Is there something you've always wanted to ask Jeremy? Here's your opportunity!

1:30pm to 3:00pm In Autograph Alley

Autographs and Photo Ops with Jeremy Shada

Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention 2017 Programming Schedule

NOTE: Times are subject to change. Please be attentive to scheduling notices posted at the convention.

Friday Nov. 17 2:30pm Convention Opens!

4pm

Picking the Right System for Your Story - Gospel Room

Having the right system in mind for your story is important. After all, you don't want a system that is designed for high-flying, swashbuckling combat to be at the center of your quiet, but intense, political drama. Selecting the right system can take your game from good to great, so come ask our experts what you can do to pick the right one.

Panelists: Caitlin Glore (M), Cynthia Jerkins, David Glore, Ernie Carothers

Ghost Hunting Tales and Evidence Share - Blues Room

Paranormal investigators share haunting tales and personal experiences and some evidence they have collected,

Panelists: Stephen Guenther (M), Kalila Smith, Kevin Cain, Frank Tuttle

5pm

Getting Involved in the Local Gaming Community - Gospel Room

Do you love games, but feel awkward when it comes to getting involved with other gamers? Is there a new gaming community you have always wanted to join? Do you ever wonder what social norms are different across groups? Then this is the panel for you. Our panelists will talk about how to get involved in various different gaming scenes and what the differences between them might be.

Panelists: Caitlin Glore (M), David Glore, Robert Thompson, Christopher Cox, Michelle Doole, Ernest McCracken

Pulp Future - Blues Room

Pulp has become more and more of a driving force behind genre fiction. More action! More zing! More . . . PULP!

Panelists: Tommy Hancock (M), HC Playa, Chris Chambers, Derrick Ferguson

"Murder To Go" (Game) Hosted by Malice in Memphis- Country Room

How to Create and Publish Your Own Comic- Ballroom E

Hosted by 901 Comics

6pm

Mini Rave with DJ Syncratic - Guest House Theater

Everything Matters - Politics in Riverside Opera - Gospel Room

The Camarilla can be a treacherous landscape to navigate. Elders are always looking to throttle upstarts, Ancillae are willing to do anything to rise to the top, and Neonates are left begging for scraps. The Kindred are so willing to do whatever they can to further their own ends that even the smallest faux pas can turn into a city-wide scandal.

Fortunately, the staff of Riverside Opera is here to help! Come get insight on how to navigate the political quagmire and rise to the top of the city's power structure.

Panelists: David Glore (M), Caitlin Glore, Cynthia Jerkins, Jeremy Garver

A Book with a Face - Blues Room

Creating memorable characters for novels is an important part of the writing process. Wanna know what makes a character "pop"? have a listen to these authors who create "good face"!

Panelists: Ernest Russell (M), Raulston Hunsinger, Ellie Raine, Robert Krog

A.G. Howard MakeUp FX Workshop - Ballroom E

Join our team of experts as they teach you the basics of cinematic level makeup fx, and get the chance to try your hand at making a monster!

Instructors: A.G. Howard (M), Mandy George, Duane P. Craig, Kasey Dees

Friday Nov. 17 (Continued)

7pm

Geek Tank Radio's Guide to Con Survival - Guest House Theater

Join the Team from Geek Tank Radio as they prepare you for an all-new MCFC by providing you with inside info on all of the weekends best events! **Special appearance by our GOH Jeremy Shada!**

Panelists: Brandon Olmstead, Joe Thordarson, Allan Gilbreath, Jessie McAlexander, (Brodee Scott?)

Leather Working 101 - Gospel Room

What is leather and where does it come from? What can you do with it? The tanned skin of animals has many uses and you'll learn a few basic tips for working with it. Examples will be available to view.

Workshop Master: Kaoru Fujimori

Quantum Mysticism: Real or Bunk? - Blues Room

Best selling author Larry Flaxman discusses mysticism, its history & belief systems, & discuss if there is any scientific support for it. Panelists: Stephen Guenther (M), Larry Flaxman

8pm

Kazha in Concert - Guest House Theater

The Voltron Memes – Gospel Room

Ask questions & dates to the Voltron characters

Panelist: Lizzie Phillips (M)

Haunted Dolls and Objects - Blues Room

Author Kevin Cain will bring some of his haunted dolls and objects and discuss them.

Panelists: Joel Martin (M), Kevin Cain

Nerd 901 Gaming Trivia – Ballroom E

Nick, Adam, and Ernie from Nerd 901 are here to test your gaming knowledge. You and your four closest friends can compete together for fantastic prizes, including a pair of tickets to next year's MCFC!

9pm

Big Foot, The Mothman, and Other Cryptids - Blues Room

We discuss some of the most popular cryptids and creatures spotted around the US.

Panelists: Joel Martin (M), Frank Tuttle, Stephen Guenther, Josh Plock

9:30pm

The Piranha Room. 'Gothic Music, Dancing & Art' - Ballroom E



Dance to The Smiths, The Cure, Peter Murphy, The Sisters of Mercy, and all of the other great Gothic Bands from the 80's and 90's! Watch Avant Guard Art being created under the glow of Black Lights!

10pm

Respecting Others and Nordic Style RP - Gospel Room

Etiquette when roleplaying is a big deal. It can be easy to accidentally trod on someone else's screen time or character development. In Norway and other Scandinavian countries, however, roleplaying etiquette has been refined to an art form—so much so that they often don't even need to have any mechanical systems in place for conflict resolution. Our experts discuss!

Panelists: Jared Hedleston (M), Caitlin Glore, David Glore, Julie Banderob

Tentacles and Ooze - Blues Room

The world of Horror Literature continues to fascinate and terrify. Listen to these masters of the strange and unusual talk about their contributions to the genre

Panelists: Alex Brown (M), Herika Raymer, Ernest Russell

Friday Nov. 17 (Continued)

11pm

The CineMasoCast LIVE! - Guest House Theater

Join the bunker captives of The CineMasoCast as they welcome special guest, director Chris Copeskey of ECCENTRIC FILMS, LLC! Wayne will grill him about a special contest he has for MCFC Attendees! Expect madness, mayhem and all the critical craziness that the CineMasoCast is famous for!

Attack on Titan - Gospel Room

*Join the discussion of one of the coolest and most innovative Manga's and Anime's of all time.
Panelist Alexis Williams*

Return to Easa Book Launch - Blues Room

*Since 2011 when J L Mulvihill's debut novel The Lost Daughter of Easa sold out at DragonCon, fans have been waiting for the sequel. At last Return to Easa has been released. Enjoy some Tea & Cookies while J L Mulvihill does a reading from her new novel and short Q & A.
Panelist: J L Mulvihill*

MIDNIGHT

The CineMasoCast Midnight Movies - Guest House Theater

The CineMasoCast will take over the beautiful 464 seat theater to show some the greatest (and not-so-great) movies and TV shows all night long! Sci-Fi, horror, comedy, and more! You don't want to miss this!!!

Night 1 Lineup:

Midnight - Star Trek: The Motion Picture (Director's Edition)

2:30 AM - Bubba Ho-Tep

4:15 AM - Clue

Saturday Nov. 18

6am

Saturday Morning Cartoons - Guest House Theater

10am

Trek Renewed - Gospel Room

*We'll take a look at the traditions of Star Trek in their various formats and how the new movies and the new series helps develop and shape the franchise.
Panelists: James Weakley (M),*

Traveling Through the Times - Blues Room

*Time travel is a fascinating subject to write about or see on television. How did Time Travel become such a hot subject and what will its future(s) hold?
Panelists: JL Mulvihill (M), Ernest Russell, Dawn Held*

Red Mullet Podcast Live Recording! - Country Room

*Be a part of all the action as the "Ginger Avenger" brings his show to MCFC for a live recording in front of a lucky audience. Surprise guests and a Q&A from the fans included. Don't miss this riotous event!
Host: The Red Mullet, Guests: TBA*

Weapons and Warfare used in Tolkiens "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" - Ballroom E

Hosted by the staff of Shadowcon

11am

So You Wanna RPG? - Gospel Room

It can be daunting to get into roleplaying games. There are sometimes years of history surrounding a particular gaming group or system, and it can be a challenge to get involved. Our panelists will discuss what you can do to get involved in RPGs and how to go about making a character or even running a game for yourself!

Panelists: Jared Hedleston (M), Geoff Harris, Derek McElroy, Sara Shughart, Garwyn Maxwell

Breaking Through the Digital - Blues Room

Although many people love the feel of a book, there is something to be said about owning a book in its digital form. Do digital books have the ability to eventually take over tangible books, or is the world big enough for the both of them?

Panelists: Dawn Held (M), Robert Krog, JL Mulvihill, Herika Raymer

Geeks Who Brunch - Ballroom E

A roundtable with the officers of GGBMemphis on Geek Girl Brunch, our local chapter, and why having geek communities is important.

Panelists: Tenitia Hobson (M), Terri Weaver, Carol Alsup, Jennifer Byrd

Cartooning for Fun and Profit - Country Room

Career Cartoonist Greg Cravens shows you some of the secrets to bring your cartooning to the next level.

12pm

Jeremy Shada Q&A - Guest House Theater

Meet our Guest of Honor Jeremy Shada, the star of Adventure Time, Voltron, Mr. Student Body President and many other great shows and films. Though only 20 years old Jeremy is already an incredibly accomplished actor, and an all-around cool guy! Is there something you've always wanted to ask Jeremy? Now's your chance!

Fandom Positivity - Gospel Room

Too often, a toxic attitude can destroy your favorite things. Join our panelists as they discuss the all-inclusive power of Positivity in Fandom.

Panelists: Brittney Bailey (M), Jeremi Thordarson, Chris Raines, Adreinne Zibert

Bad Boys, Bad Boys - Blues Room

Everyone loves an antihero - from Heathcliff to Riddick, the antihero goes against the rules to save the day with a sneer and all black clothing. These authors will discuss the form of the antihero and how it plays into their work

Panelists: Raulston Hunsinger (M), Alex Brown, HC Playa

The Existence of Strange Things - Country Room

Using Your Inner Geek for Good - Ballroom E

Geek and Nerd culture has proven to be a welcome oasis for many, but like all things can be rife with toxic and unpleasant aspects. Our panelists will delve into things we can do to help change that including giving back, cospositivity, representation and more.

Panelists: Tenitia Hobson (M), Terri Weaver, Carol Alsup, Jennifer Byrd

1pm

Batman & Bill with Marc Tyler Nobleman - Guest House Theater

Join us for a screening of BATMAN & BILL, a Hulu documentary chronicling Bill Finger's contribution to the Dark Knight, and the lengths one writer will go to help Finger's family get Bill the credit he deserves. Follow up Q&A with Marc Tyler Nobleman!

1pm

ASL Basics for Beginners, Furrries and Other Silent Con-goers - Gospel Room

Learning the basics of American Sign Language can be amazingly helpful while staying in character and communicating in a convention environment.

Panelist: Peggy Wolsefer (M)

Haunted Dolls and Objects - Blues Room

Author Kevin Cain will bring some of his haunted dolls and objects and discuss them.

Panelists: Joel Martin (M), Kevin Cain

Making a Coin Purse - Ballroom E

Come put together your own leather coin purse to use when out and about or just to accent a cosplay.(\$5 materials fee. Leather & tools provided, but feel free to bring your own stamps.

Instructor: Kaoru Fujimori

2pm

Talkin' Bout Regeneration - Gospel Room

A lot of changes are coming to Team TARDIS! With the announcement of the first female Doctor the fandom is more divided than ever. How do we feel about her? What can we expect from Peter's last episode? Are we excited to see the first Doctor return to the TARDIS in this year's Christmas special? What can we expect from Chris Chinball as show runner? These are just some of the topics our experts will discuss!

Panelists: Laura Sellers (M), Kyle Jones, Clarence Brown

Big Foot, The Mothman, and Other Cryptids - Blues Room

We discuss some of the most popular cryptids and creatures spotted around the US.

Panelists: Joel Martin (M), Frank Tuttle, Stephen Guenther,

MCFC Plays Snake Oil - Ballroom E

In the Old West, the wily snake oil salesman had a special talent, getting the most skeptical customers to buy the most dubious products. Now it's our turn! Panelists will invent zany two-word products – Rumor Mirror! Burp Balloon! – and sell them to you wacky customers. Can our panelists convince you to buy their crazy products?

Snake Oil Salespeople: Michelle Doole, Dalton Carver, Andrew Fuller, Devin Doole, Curt Brewer

3pm

Josh Mason's Cinematic Action Experience- Guest House Theater

Join Josh Mason as he debuts three new short films; The Wasp, Edge of Sorrow, and Resident Evil: Containment!

The Rise of Cooperative Gaming - Gospel Room

For the longest time, most board games were competitions. Whether it was chess or Risk, Monopoly or Candyland, the objective was always to do better than the other players and be the first one to reach a given objective. In the past few years, however, the focus has been placed on cooperative board games where the players fight against the game itself and either win or lose as a group. Our panelists will discuss why this change happened and what sorts of objectives games like this aim players at.

Panelists: Michelle Doole (M), Dalton Carver, Geoff Harris, Curt Brewer

Parapsychology: The Paragon of Pseudoscience - Blues Room

Larry Flaxman examines how the mind is capable of creating and perceiving paranormal experiences. Do these events defy the laws of physics or can they be explained by the discovery of the zero point field, quantum entanglement, and the very nature of perception and physical experience?

Panelists: Stephen Guenther (M), Larry Flaxman

3pm

Pixels and Papers: Let's Make a Campaign - Country Room

Derek & Ernie have made campaign settings and stories on the Pixels & Papers podcast before, but at this year's Memphis Comics & Fantasy Convention we will be making them before a live audience. If that's not enough we will be encouraging the audience to join in on the fun! Help us make the most awesome/insane campaign setting ever. Whether you're already a fan, or never heard of us -- come hang out with the P&P guys and let's make a campaign!

So You Wanna Make a Movie? - Ballroom E

Calling all horror movie fans! Now's your chance to see your creation come to life! Eccentric films will hear your two minute pitch for an upcoming horror short, and if chosen, your idea will be produced and will premiere at next year's MCFC!

Panelists: Chris Copeskey, Eccentric Films officials TBA

4pm

Heroes Without Capes - Guest House Theater.

*Author **Marc Tyler Nobleman** reveals secrets he uncovered and mysteries he solved while researching his books *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman* and *Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman...one of which made history in TWO ways*. A real-life detective story featuring surprises both uplifting and heartbreaking. With Q&A.*

Balance Basics in Game Design - Gospel Room

It can be really difficult to strike a balance when designing games. Oftentimes, one single digit can be the difference between a good game with lots of diverse options and a boring experience with only one good choice. Come listen to our experts talk about how to balance games and what can happen when the balance is off.

Panelists: Jared Hedleston (M), Ernest McCracken, Alan Alexander, Jonathan Schrack

Afterlife Mysteries Revealed - Blues Room

Author Kalila Smith discusses her books and experiences on NDE's, and after death contacts.

Panelist: Kalila Smith

5pm

Mini Rave with DJ Syncratic - Guest House Theater

Anime in the Classroom - Gospel Room

Using the modern visual culture of anime and manga as a platform for student engagement.

Panelists: Katie Jones

Politics and Activism in Genre Fiction - Blues Room

Panelists: Tommy Hancock (M), HC Playa, Chris Chambers, Derrick Ferguson

The Positive Road to Equality in Gaming - Ballroom E

The past several years have seen some incredible strides in making geekdom and gaming spaces safe and inviting for everyone. Our panelists will discuss where we are now, where we've been, and what the road ahead looks like. There's still so much we can do as a community to make people feel included and welcome, after all.

Panelists: Cynthia Jerkins (M), Sara Shughart, Garwyn Maxwell, Ernie Carothers, Derek McElroy

6pm

Batman: A Changing Franchise - Gospel Room

Can any franchise survive without evolution? We'll examine the ways in which Batman has changed through the years to better fit with American culture of the time.

Panelists: James Weakley (M)

6pm

Nerd 901: The State of Video Games in 2017 - Country Room

2017 has been one of the best year in video games to date. Nintendo got back in the game with the release of the Switch. PlayStation continues to be the dominant console. Xbox releases the most powerful console ever with the Xbox One X. The video gamer industry isn't to be out done by other entertainment mediums. Tons of drama inside the gaming industry. Big names leave their big companies. Gaming studios being shut down. Micro-transactions taking over online gaming. A brief look into 2018 and the future of video games.

7pm

Annual MCFC Cosplay Contest! - Guest House Theater

For your added entertainment, we will be performing an encore presentation of our Live Cartoon "Commander Currency, Revenge of the Extortioner" during the judges break!

The Grid: Exploring the Hidden Infrastructure of Reality - Gospel Room

*Is reality really real? We reveal the pattern upon which all reality is built and structured around.
Panelists: Larry Flaxman (M)*

8pm

Black Eyed Kids and Other Paranormal Phenomenon - Gospel Room

*We discuss the sightings of Black Eyed Kids and other phenomenon.
Panelists: Joel Martin (M), Josh Plock,*

9pm

Kazha in Concert - Guest House Theater

The Power Rock Trio from Japan returns to the MCFC!

Death Note - Gospel Room

*Discuss the ground breaking Manga and Anime, as well as the controversial live action film from Netflix.
Hosted by Alexis Williams*

10pm

Jagged Mind Screening with Chris Copeskey Q&A - Guest House Theater

*Join Chris Copeskey of Eccentric Films LLC as he debuts his feature length film "Jagged Mind" and answers your questions!
Panelists: Wayne Camp (M), Chris Copeskey*

Great Memphis Pun-Off - Gospel Room

*We apologize for nothing! This will be painful! Entertaining... but painful.
Hosted by Josh Lincoln*

11pm

Dramatically Performed Bad Fan Fiction - Gospel Room

MIDNIGHT

The CineMasoCast Midnight Movies Night 2 - Guest House Theater

The CineMasoCast will take over the beautiful 464 seat theater to show some the greatest (and not-so-great) movies and TV shows all night long! Sci-Fi, horror, comedy, and more! You don't want to miss this!!!

Night 2 Lineup:

Midnight - Batman: The Movie

1:45 AM - Twin Peaks (International Theatrical Release)

3:45 AM - Battlestar Galactica (1978 Theatrical Release)

6:00 AM - The Star Wars Holiday Special

Sunday Nov. 19

8am

Sunday Morning Cartoon Express - Guest House Theater

10am

The Wizarding Worlds of J.K. Rowling - Gospel Room

The casting announcements and rumored connections between Fantastic Beasts and the Harry Potter films are growing fast! Join us for a town hall discussion on what JK Rowling may have in store for us!

Panelists: Laura Sellers

Fight Like a Dwarf- Ballroom E

Hosted by the staff of Shadowcon

Welcome to the World of Writing! Now What?! - Blues Room

Now What: Congratulations! You have sold your first story and/or novel. Now what do you do? These authors have the answer!

Panelists: Alex Brown (M), Robert Krog, Herika Raymer

11am

The Voice Among Many: The Future of Indie Games - Gospel Room

In the world of Steam and other online publishers, it is becoming more and more difficult to sell games if you're not part of one of the big publishing houses. With so many other indie developers working and producing great games, there's just too much to sift through for the average consumer. However, it's not all bad—sometimes, indie publishing is the only way an otherwise innovative and groundbreaking game would ever see the light of day in the first place. Come listen to our experts discuss the future of indie games and what you can do to get involved or find your next favorite title.

Panelists: Jared Hedleston (M), Ernest McCracken, Jonathan Schrack

It's All About the Fighting - Blues Room

Everyone loves a good action scene, yet what goes into creating a scene that is believable enough for your audience? How much blood needs to be sprayed? Does a katana really swing that way? These authors will shed more light on this topic.

Panelists: Raulston Hunsinger (M), Ellie Raine, JL Mulvihill, Ernest Russell

12pm

Let's Make a Deal- Guesthouse Theater

The Amazing Mr. Robert, and the Day Care Kidz recreate the classic 1970's game show, and give away some serious Geek Prizes!

Creating Memorable NPCs - Gospel Room

While the player characters should always be the stars of the show, the NPCs often provide a life to the world in which a game takes place that make it feel real and engaging. A memorable NPC can provide the players a hook to get more involved in the story, too. Come hear our experience GMs talk about how to create a memorable NPC—and to discuss with the audience about what makes an NPC memorable in the first place.

Panelists: Ernie Carothers (M), Alan Alexander, Julie Banderob, Geoff Harris

The Grid: Exploring the Hidden Infrastructure of Reality - Blues Room

Is reality really real? We reveal the pattern upon which all reality is built and structured around.

Panelists: Stephen Guenther (M), Larry Flaxman

1pm

Marvel vs DC: Who Wins? - Gospel Room

Join the team from Discussing Who as they engage in a discussion about the Marvel and DC Cinematic Universes and how those compare to their TV and comic book counterparts.

Panelists: Kyle Jones, Clarence Brown

Sunday Nov. 19 (Continued)

1pm

What if Your Story Stinks? - Blues Room

You've finally submitted your work, only to hear that it's not that great. What do you do? Sit in this panel and find out!

Panelists: Tommy Hancock (M), HC Playa, Chris Chambers, Derrick Ferguson

2pm

Star Wars in Review - Gospel Room

We review the cinematic legacy of Star Wars and use the Force to investigate the future of the franchise.

Panelists: James Weakley

So You Wanna Be a Ghost Hunter -Blues Room

Learn how to start a ghost hunting group and what you need to get started.

Panelists: Stephen Guenther (M), Kalila Smith, Kevin Cain

3pm

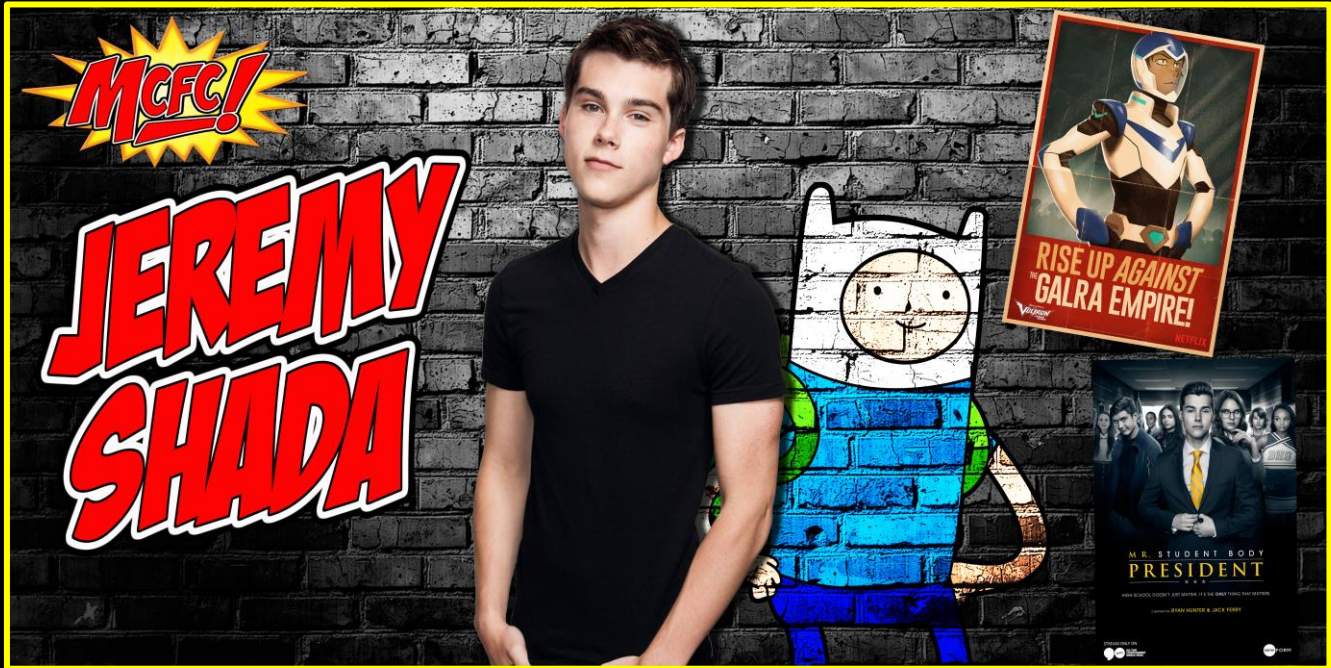
That Youthful Glow - Blues Room

More and more science fiction and fantasy novels are geared towards children and young adults. Yet, many adults find themselves drawn to these books as well, such as Harry Potter and Miss Peregrine. Come spend some time with these young adult fantasy authors and learn more!

Panelists: JL Mulvihill (M), Dawn Held, Ellie Raine

4pm – Close of the MCFC

MCFC 2017 Guest of Honor



Special Guest

MARC TYLER NOBLEMAN

Meet the author of "Bill the Boy Wonder"
and the man behind the landmark
HULU documentary "Batman & Bill"

Appearing at the MCFC
Saturday Nov. 18



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