

## Comic-Con Horror Highlights, Friday!

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As this year's San Diego Comic-Con creeps closer, its full schedule has begun rearing its head. Check out the horror you can look forward to on Friday, July 22 (check out preview night and Thursday [here](#)).

Friday is packed with cool stuff for fright fans including a look at the LOCKE & KEY pilot, THE WALKING DEAD, Mike Mignola, THE RAVEN, AMERICAN VAMPIRE and TUCKER AND DALE VS. EVIL.

- **10:30-11:30 LOCKE & KEY FOX Pilot Screening**— The most talked-about pilot not on the fall schedule was the FOX production of LOCKE & KEY. This screening of the entire pilot will show you just what a void there will be on your TVs this fall. Watch the special filmed adaptation of "Welcome to Lovecraft," and see the

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-nominated comic brought to life. Room 8

- **11:00-12:00 Mike Mignola: Worlds at War**— The world is falling to chaos in B.P.R.D. Hell on Earth, Hellboy's facing his demons in a big way in HELLBOY: THE FURY, and monsters are overrunning Europe in the upcoming BALTIMORE: THE CURSE BELLS. Join creator Mike Mignola, editor Scott Allie, and new B.P.R.D. artist Tyler Crook for exclusive insights on what has been and will continue to be an epic year in the Mignolaverse and beyond. Room 4

- **11:15-12:15 AMC's THE WALKING DEAD**— Stars Andrew Lincoln, Jon Bernthal, Sarah Wayne Callie, Laurie Holden, Norman Reedus, Steven Yeun, Jeffrey DeMunn; series creator/writer/director/executive producer Frank Darabont; executive producer Gale Anne Hurd; executive producer Robert Kirkman (creator/writer of THE WALKING DEAD comic book series); and makeup artist and consulting producer Greg Nicotero discuss the success of season one of AMC's series THE WALKING DEAD and reveal what to look forward to in season two, which will air on AMC this fall. Join the panelists for a one-on-one Q&A session and an official sneak preview of season two. Ballroom 20

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**11:30-12:30 LOCKE & KEY Panel**— Make your plans to watch the LOCKE & KEY TV pilot at 10:30, then join [Eisner](#) -nominated creators Joe Hill and Gabriel Rodriguez, along with LOCKE & KEY TV pilot writer Josh Friedman, for a frank discussion of the show, the comic, and what's coming up in Clockworks, the second-to-last story arc in the acclaimed series (or is it?). Room 8

**12:15-1:15 Relativity Media: RAVEN and HAYWIRE**— Two fantastic films from Relativity Media debut in this Hall H presentation.

**RAVEN** — The film is a gritty thriller in which Edgar Allan Poe joins forces with a young Baltimore detective to hunt down a mad serial killer who's using Poe's own works as the basis for a string of brutal murders. RAVEN stars John Cusack as Edgar Allan Poe, Luke Evans, and Alice Eve and is directed by James McTeigue. Hall H

• **12:45-1:45 Legendary Pictures: Preproduction Preview**— Legendary Pictures holds its first-ever Comic-Con panel and shares an early look at some of the movies on the company's upcoming film slate. Fans will be able to access Legendary's plans, garner sneak peeks at their movies in preproduction, and hear from filmmakers and cast members from the upcoming PACIFIC RIM, SEVENTH SON, PARADISE LOST, and MASS EFFECT. Panel participants include Jeff Bridges, Bradley Cooper, Guillermo del Toro, Ben Barnes, Charlie Hunnam, Idris Elba, Alicia Vikander, Alex Proyas, Sergei Bodrov, Travis Beacham, Mark Protosevich, and Casey Hudson. Room 6BCF

• **1:30-2:30 Screen Gems: UNDERWORLD 4 and ATTACK THE BLOCK**— UNDERWORLD 4 brings a stunning new dimension to the epic battle between Vampires and Lycans as the first film in the franchise to shoot in 3D. Kate Beckinsale, star of the first two films, returns in her lead role as the vampire warrior Selene, who escapes imprisonment to find that humans have discovered the existence of both Vampire and Lycan clans and are conducting an all-out war to eradicate both immortal species. Appearing in person are Kate Beckinsale, Michael Ealy, Len Wiseman (producer and director of UNDERWORLD and UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION), and directors Mans Marland and Bjorn Stein.

**ATTACK THE BLOCK** - It's the inner city vs. outer space from the producers of Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz. Attack the Block follows a gang of tough inner-city kids who try to defend

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their turf against an invasion of savage alien creatures, turning a South London apartment complex into an extraterrestrial warzone. This is the film you've been hearing about since its debut at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin where it won the Midnight Screening Audience Award. Funny, frightening, surprising, wildly entertaining and winning rave reviews across the country. Appearing in person will be director Joe Cornish and producer Edgar Wright. Hall H

▣ • **2:45-3:45 DreamWorks: FRIGHT NIGHT**— Colin Farrell, Anton Yelchin, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Imogen Poots, Dave Franco, director Craig Gillespie, and screenwriter Marti Noxon take the dais to give fans a taste of the horrific fun to come in DreamWorks Pictures' 3D reimagining of the classic horror film. Hall H

• **4:00-5:30 Sony**— Sony returns to Hall H with a stellar lineup of films and talent, including:

**GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE** — After blazing a trail around the globe in the worldwide hit Ghost Rider, Nicolas Cage returns as Johnny Blaze in Columbia Pictures' **GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE**. Still struggling with his curse as the devil's bounty hunter, Blaze is hiding out in a remote part of Eastern Europe when he is recruited by a secret sect to save a young boy (Fergus Riordan) from the devil (Ciaran Hinds). At first, Johnny is reluctant to embrace the power of the Ghost Rider again, but it is the only way to protect the boy -- and possibly rid himself of his curse forever. Live on stage: directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor (Crank) and stars Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba, and Johnny Whitworth.

**TOTAL RECALL** — Welcome to Recall, the company that with one little implant can turn your dreams into real memories. For a factory worker named Doug Quaid (Colin Farrell), the mind-trip sounds like the perfect vacation from his ordinary existence. But when the procedure goes horribly wrong, Quaid becomes a hunted man. With the line between fantasy and reality blurred and the fate of his world hanging in the balance, Quaid goes on the run to discover his true identity, his true love, and his true fate. Based on Philip K. Dick's classic story "I Can Remember It for You Wholesale," this new take on some of his most visionary ideas is directed by Len Wiseman and stars Colin Farrell, Kate Beckinsale, Jessica Biel, Bryan Cranston, and John Cho, all of whom will be appearing.

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN** — The Amazing Spider-Man is back on the big screen, shot in 3D for the first time, and will be swinging into your neighborhood on July 3, 2012. Starring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Rhys Ifans, Denis Leary, and Martin Sheen, as well as Sally

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Field, and directed by Marc Webb, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN's new creative team will be taking a whole new direction in the unfolding saga of everyone's favorite web-slinger.

Appearing in person are producers Avi Arad and Matt Tolmach, director Marc Webb, and our own Peter Parker and Gwen Stacy -- Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. Hall H

• **5:00-6:00 Monsterverse Horror Comics Ate My Brain**— There is no escaping BELA LUGOSI'S TALES FROM THE GRAVE horror anthology comic and upcoming graphic novel series, FLESH AND BLOOD. Joining Monsterverse's Kerry Gammill (SUPERMAN) and Sam F. Park (THE HALFWAY HOUSE) are Bela Lugosi Jr., screenwriter Peter Briggs (Hellboy), Robert Tinnell (Flesh And Blood), James Farr (XOMBIE), Chris Moreno (WORLD WAR HULK), Mark L. Miller (Ain't It Cool News), Dan Brereton (The Nocturnals), James Groman (The Hobbit), and Mike Dubisch (Aliens vs. Predator). Expect a slideshow and discussion of Monsterverse's horror projects, along with a Q&A session. Room 9

• **5:30-6:30 Vertigo: AMERICAN VAMPIRE** — The acclaimed Vertigo series AMERICAN VAMPIRE -- nominated for a 2010 Eisner Award as Best New Series — introduced Skinner Sweet and a whole new type of undead, blazing a blood-drenched new trail. Join the creator of this series, as well as the new miniseries AMERICAN VAMPIRE: SURIVIAL OF THE FITTEST, for an undead discussion with writer Scott Snyder, artist Rafael Albuquerque, and editor Mark Doyle. Room 6DE

• **5:30-6:30 TRUE BLOOD Panel and Q&A session**— Mixing romance, suspense, mystery, and humor, the Emmy and Golden Globe nominated TRUE BLOOD kicked off its 12-episode fourth season June 26 on HBO. The series follows the on-and-off romance between waitress and part-faerie Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin), who can hear people's thoughts, and 173-year-old vampire Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer). Oscar and Emmy award winner Alan Ball created and serves as executive producer of the series, which is based on the bestselling Sookie Stackhouse novels by Charlaine Harris. The series -- and this panel! -- also features Ryan Kwanten as Jason Stackhouse, Sam Trammell as Sam Merlotte, Rutina Wesley as Tara Thornton, Nelsan Ellis as Lafayette, Deborah Ann Woll as Jessica Hamby, Kristin Bauer van Straten as Pam, Joe Manganiello as Alcide, and Kevin Alejandro as Jesus. Moderated by Tim Stack of Entertainment Weekly. Ballroom 20

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• **6:00-7:00 Girls Gone Genre**— Come talk with women who write, read, game, and perform in arenas that are statistically dominated by men. What happens when traditionally "male" genres are reinvented by female writers and embraced by female fans? SEX AND THE CITY it ain't. Meet the women who like to play with trucks and Barbies. And Wolverine action figures. And flux capacitors. Moderator Jenna Busch is joined by panelists Marti Noxon (screenwriter/producer, BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, ANGEL, MAD MEN, FRIGHT NIGHT), Gale Anne Hurd (producer, THE WALKING DEAD, TERMINATOR, ALIENS), and Marjorie Liu (writer, X-23, DAKEN: DARK WOLVERINE, BLACK WIDOW, DIRK & STEELE novel series). Room 25ABC

• **6:00-7:00 At the Drive-In**— Come with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear when one of the few places you could see some offbeat genre films and a slew of trailers was at your local Drive-In. We're trying something new at Comic-Con this year by giving some up and coming genre filmmakers an evening berth to preview their upcoming films. So as San Diego gets darker tonight, so will Hall H as we welcome our first guests to the Virtual Drive-In:

**GRAVE ENCOUNTERS** — Locked in an actual abandoned mental hospital, the crew of a ghost-hunting reality show find themselves trapped in a psychotically endless and deadly labyrinth. Written and directed by The Vicious Brothers, GRAVE ENCOUNTERS, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival earlier this year, takes the found footage horror genre to a terrifying new level. Appearing on stage: The Vicious Brothers.

**TUCKER & DALE VS EVIL** — Tucker and Dale are two best friends on vacation at their dilapidated mountain house, who are mistaken for murderous backwoods hillbillies by a group of obnoxious, preppy college kids. When one of the students gets separated from her friends, the boys try to lend a hand, but as the misunderstanding grows, so does the body count. TUCKER & DALE VS EVIL has been a hit on the festival circuit, debuting at Sundance, and winning the Midnight Audience Award at SXSW, the Jury Prize for First Feature at Fantasia, the Best Director award at Fantaspoa, and the Best Motion Picture Award at Sitges. Confirmed panelists include Eli Craig, Alan Tudyk, and Tyler Labine. Hall H

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• **7:30-8:30 DEATH VALLEY**— MTV brings the unique marriage of horror and comedy together with this new series. Join members of the ensemble cast, including Caity Lotz (MAD MEN), Tania Raymonde (LOST), Bryan Callen (THE HANGOVER), Bryce Johnson, Texas Battle, and Charlie Sanders, along with showrunner/executive producer Eric Weinberg, director Drew Daywalt (BEDFELLOWS), executive producer/director Austin Reading (Spike TV's Scream Awards, FEARnet), executive producer Julie Kellman Reading, and co-executive producer Spider One, in a discussion about the challenges of bringing the comedy and horror genres together and how the team involved in the series bring all the elements of what they know best to the series. Fans will get an exclusive first look at an upcoming episode. Q&A session to follow! Room 5AB

• **7:30-8:30 The Science of Zombies: How Possible Is a Zombie Virus?**— The top creative minds behind the acclaimed and highly anticipated Dead Island role-playing video game and an esteemed medical professional in the field of brain research and brain disease explore the pop culture fascination with the zombie genre as a whole and how creative talent is harnessing medical science to define and explore horror entertainment in more realistic (and therefore more frightening and engaging) ways. Room 8

• **9:15-10:15 LOCKE & KEY FOX Pilot Screening Encore**— Second screening added due to demand! The most talked-about pilot not on the fall schedule was the FOX production of LOCKE & KEY. This screening of the entire pilot will show you just what a void there will be on your TV this fall. Watch the special filmed adaptation of "Welcome to Lovecraft" and see the Eisner-nominated comic brought to life. Room 6DE

*As always, you can find out much more and see the full schedule at Comic-Con's [official site](#).*