

With A Little Help From Our Friends

The holidays careen past us at a breakneck pace. New Year's Day comes and goes, we go back to work, and suddenly we remember that there is supposed to be a new issue of *Wing Words* in time for GAFilk, which is conveniently located just after the aforementioned holidays. Thus, we find ourselves pulling everything together at the last minute.

But how to actually **get** the physical newsletter off to GAFilk and subsequently to ConFlikt? Well, that's where having friends comes in handy. And the very tall and talented Rob Wynne has said that he'll make his best effort to get this newsletter to its destination.

So if you find the newsletter on your flyer table, remember to thank Rob. **We** will!

If I Only Had a Brain(Storm)

As we head into the new year, we anxiously look forward to the annual ritual of rolling over the Pegasus Awards website to 2012. Soon, the results of last year's Brainstorming Poll will vanish into the ether, to be replaced by a lovely bit of HTML that will allow you to mail your suggestions for this year's Pegasus ballot off to our hard-working website maintainer where he will carefully filter out the spam, collate the suggestions, and get them posted back to the website for your edification while nominating.

While waiting for the Brainstorming Poll to arrive, we encourage you to start thinking about what you're going to enter into that lovely little web form. If you're at a filk convention or at a filk at a general interest convention or someone's home – or even just listening to an album that you've dialed up on your MP3 player – there's always the chance that you'll hear something that you really, really enjoy. If it was written by a member of the filk community and hasn't won a Pegasus before, it's eligible now (with very few exceptions). So keep it in mind, ok?



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Pick Me

Did you know that the title above is a song sung by Justin Bieber? We didn't. But now that we've read the lyrics to the song, we are reminded just how much we appreciate the (on average) substantially more intelligent lyrics of the songs that we find around the filk.

So what does this have to do with the Pegasus Awards? Well, aside from the Brainstorming Poll, there's another way to get suggestions in for this year where a filkish songwriter can let us all know what he or she thinks might be a fine choice for the upcoming ballot.

We speak, of course, of the Composers Picks section of the Pegasus website. By following the instructions there (as soon as the website rolls over), you can send in your suggestions of which of *your* songs are particularly Pegasus-worthy, especially in light of the floating categories for the current year.

So please be sure to drop in and drop off your ideas. We'll look forward to seeing them!

And remember to head over there when you're putting together your Nominating Ballot, because the Composers Picks are completely separate from the Brainstorming Poll results.

On The Road Again

Every year, there are new floating categories. Every year, we wonder exactly what new horror will arrive in the Brainstorming Poll as our fun-loving filkers find a way to misconstrue what the OVFF committee had in mind when they selected the category.

It was with a sigh of relief that we heard that the first floating category for 2012 was "Best Travel Song". It **could** have been "Best Traveling Song" and we would have watched the basketball fans in our community looking for some filk song about illegal movement of the feet.

But it isn't. It's a big, broad category that's easy to understand and that many, many filksongs will fit into.

Don't take this as a challenge, ok?

Tumbling Dice

Our **second** floating category for 2012 is "Best Gaming Song". We're also pretty confident that we know what this category means. And we're also confident that there are a **lot** of fine filksongs that are about the games that we play, be they board games, card games, computer games, video games, LARPs, MUDs, MMORPGs, or whatever.

Gaming songs have won Pegasus Awards before, of course. For example, Andy Eigel's *Uplift* is based upon the computer game, *Civilization*. Although as we look back at the list of past Pegasus winners, we don't actually see anything **else** that looks like a gaming song.

Hmm. Well, that just means there are more songs that are eligible. And we're sure that you'll find some and send them in for the Brainstorming Poll.

In fact, we're expecting at least 8d6 of suggestions. That'd be a good-sized fireball.

Ask Peggy!

Once again, it's time to dip into our overflowing mailbag and pluck out a question of interest about the Pegasus Awards.

Today's question comes from I.M. Tall in Atlanta, Georgia who asks, "How can I keep up with what's going on with the Pegasus Awards?"

That's a darned fine question, I.M., and we'll do our best to answer it here.

You can always check out the Pegasus website at <http://www.ovff.org/pegasus.html>. But for more up-to-date information at any given moment, you can check out our various social media outlets.

On LiveJournal, there's the pegasusawards community.

On Facebook, you'll find us posting to the Filker group.

If you've got other suggestions for places that we should be posting info, please let us know.

And That's 30 For This Edition

We'll be wrapping it up now so we can get this off in the e-mail to Rob. If you find it at GAFilk, you'll know that we succeeded. If not, well, it was a good try.

If you've got questions about the Pegasus Awards, send them off to:

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And remember to keep an eye on the Pegasus Awards website, because the 2012 Brainstorming Poll will open soon.

Happy New Year everyone!