

CONsole Room 2020 Panel Ideas

Doctor Who Track

Season 12 is A'Comin

The 13th Doctor's second series is beginning soon! What are your thoughts/hopes/wishes for it? What would you keep (and get rid of) from Series 11?

Panelists:

Location:

Happy Who Year!

For the first time since Doctor Who came back, we didn't get a Christmas special in 2018, instead getting a New Year's Day 2019 special. Did it work as well? Did it feel any more or less connected to Series 11 as a result? And, more importantly, should this trend continue?

Panelists:

Location:

New Series Companions

In the last 15 years, we've had lots of companions, almost-companions, associates, and friends. Who's your favorite? How have they helped change/evolve the role of the classic companion (if at all)?

Panelists:

Location:

Writing A Female Doctor

The idea of a female Doctor was first discussed in the mid-1980s. Thirty years later we finally got her. How do we think the writers have done at breaking down the stereotypes?

Panelists:

Location:

Historical Episodes

How far off is the writing in historical episodes compared to actual history, from classic to new Who.

Panelists:

Location:

Doctor Whorror

Doctor Who began as a child's educational program. Even early on it had kids hiding behind couches, but has it become too scary for children? Let's discuss some of the scarier Doctor Who episodes.

Panelists:

Location:

Cyberman Evolution

From Mondas to present, let's discuss how the Cybermen have evolved.

Panelists:

Location:

History of Sontarans

From "The Time Warrior" (1973) to "Deep Breath" (2014) the Sontarans have crossed paths with the Doctor. Has the race of clones really gotten shorter?

Panelists:

Location:

Season 11 Monsters/Aliens

Chris Chibnall decided that his first series as executive producer would see all new baddies. What do we think of these new monsters and aliens (or concepts)? Do we miss the classic monsters?

Panelists:

Location:

Returning Monsters Who Never Were

Voord, Krotons, The Wire, and even Pting. They've all showed up once, but no more (not yet, at least), so let's talk about the monsters that made one-off appearances, what we thought of them, and how we'd like to see them come back.

The Unquiet Dead

A look at the various monsters and beings that appear "zombified" in Doctor Who.

Panelists:

Location:

Genetics of Doctor Who

Could genetics allow us to regenerate? Do alien species have a better chance of survival than we do?

Panelists:

Location:

Planets in Doctor Who

NASA confirms 'Doctor Who-type world, Gallifrey'. Can the Moon be killed? Are the Ice Warriors really from Mars? Where else other than Venus could Venusian Aikido have come from?

Panelists:

Location:

Is the TARDIS Too Crowded?

Although Series 11 (and the forthcoming Series 12) isn't the first time we've had three companions, it's been a decades since it last happened. What's it like to have so many friends of the Doctor on-screen at once? How does it compare this time around to previous full TARDISes?

Panelists:

Location:

Lost and Found Episodes

A fan favorite topic. Let's look at the different options for recreating the missing episodes, from animation to telesnap reconstructions.

Panelists:

Location:

To CGI or Not to CGI?

"Improving" Classic Who stories with new CGI/updated effects isn't a new concept, but it's getting more attention with the Blu-ray releases. What do you think of this practice? Is it a nice-to-have extra? A must-have to get Modern Who-only fans on board? Or is it unforgivable to even think of replacing our favorite wobbly sets with new-fangled effects?

Panelists:

Location:

Whonimation: Animating Our Favorite Show

With more and more stories being animated, what do we think of this format now? Is it a viable way to recreate missing stories or is it too different to feel right?

Panelists:

Location:

Another 50 Years?

With the ability to go anywhere in time and space, the story possibilities are endless. Doctor Who has been cancelled before. How long do we expect the new series to last?

Panelists:

Location:

Running Themes in Doctor Who

There are some things we have come to expect from each new Doctor. The sonic screwdriver, a catchphrase, and we know there will always be running. What other similarities do we see among the Doctors?

Truth or Consequences

The Doctor is known as a rogue Time Lord. Sometimes he is held accountable for his actions (i.e. Trial of a Time Lord). When do we expect to see the Doctor face a trial again?

Panelists:

Location:

The Knit-Picker's Guide to Doctor Who

Discussion on all things minutia within Doctor Who. For folks who love to talk about the fine details of their favorite show.

Panelists:

Location:

The Canon Debate

Both RTD and Moffat have specified that canon does not exist in Doctor Who. Fans don't always agree.

Panelists:

Location:

Dream Casting Doctor Who

We all have ideas of who we want to be the next Doctor. Let's discuss other actors we would like to see in Doctor Who, and in what roles?

Panelists:

Location:

Real World Applications of Doctor Who

Life imitates art. We can't hitch a ride in a TARDIS (yet), but what other concepts can we take away from the show?

Panelists:

Location:

What If?

Let's explore the What Ifs of the Doctor Who universe. What if 9 had to face the Weeping Angels? What if Sarah Jane never aged? What if Tom Baker didn't regenerate? The possibilities are endless!

Panelists:

Location:

Out of the Wilderness: 30 Years Later

The original run of Doctor Who came to an end almost exactly 30 years ago. For those of us who lived (or just want to know about it), how did we get through the Wilderness Years that followed?

Panelists:

Location:

50 Years of the Third Doctor

Jon Pertwee's incarnation of our favorite Time Lord leaped onto our screens in full color 50 years ago this month! Season 7 (Pertwee's first) was a radical departure from the previous six - what do we think of it now and what was its lasting impact on the show?

(Have panel on Friday)

Panelists:

Location:

40 Years of JNT

This year marks 40 years since John Nathan-Turner took over as the final producer of Classic Who. What did he bring to the table that his predecessors didn't? What did we like/dislike about this time in the role over the course of the next nine years?

Panelists:

Location:

Revisiting Series 1 (New Who)

It's been 15 years since Russell T. Davies brought Doctor Who back with Christopher Eccleston and Billie Piper. Looking back, what do we think of that first series now? Was it the right way to bring the show back? What could have been done differently? How does it compare to what's airing now?

Panelists:

Location:

How I Spent My Gap Year Vacation

What we watched, read, created, and caught up on with no new Doctor Who series to watch in 2019.

Panelists:

Location:

Back to Your Beginnings

How did you get started in Who? What keeps you coming back for more? Maybe you took a break from the show and were pulled back in? Talk to us about your journey!

Panelists:

Location:

Doctor Who Crossovers

There are some great crossover episodes in other fandoms (The Beverly Hillbillies, ScoobyNatural, Arrowverse). What fandoms do we want to see Doctor Who do a crossover episode with?

Panelists: Hugh Gitlin

Location:

The Tenth Planet Episode vs. Novelization

A comparison of the television episode (1966) and the Target novelization (1976) of *The Tenth Planet*.

Panelists:

Location:

Doctor Who Nonfiction Books

With the plethora of Nonfiction books written about Doctor Who, where does one start?

Panelists:

Location:

Doctor Who Audios

This panel will go beyond the realm of Big Finish audios. What audio stories are out there and where can you get them?

Panelists:

Location:

Classic Who Blu-rays

Early 2018 BBC announced it would be releasing digitally restored Classic Who series on Blu-ray. So far they have released Series 12 with Tom Baker and Series 19 with Peter Davison. What series/episodes are we excited to see next?

Panelists:

Location:

Who on Home Media

From Beta to VHS to DVD to Blu-ray, it's all on the table! With the recent releases of The Collection sets of full seasons of Classic Who, we'll talk about our favorite releases as well as rumors (and wish lists) of what's to come.

Panelists:

Location:

Doctor Who Gaming

A look at all of the video games and board games based on Doctor Who.

Panelists:

Location:

Whollectibles

Are you a die-hard collector? Interested in getting started? Or maybe you just have a bauble you want to show off? Join us to discuss action figures, prop replicas, and more!

Panelists:

Location:

Would You Like a Jelly Baby?

TV and movies can launch certain foods and candies into pop culture (i.e. Reese's Pieces in E.T.). What foods have appeared throughout the decades in Doctor Who?

Panelists:

Location:

British Film & TV Track

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

What did we think of episode 9 of the Star Wars series?

Panelists:

Location:

MC Who

Doctor Who/Marvel Cinematic Universe crossover actors.

Panelists:

Location:

The Endgame of an Era

Endgame marks the end of a Marvel Cinematic Universe era. Was it all that we wanted it to be?

Panelists:

Location:

MCU Phase Four

Marvel has 10 movies and tv shows planned for phase four. What are we looking forward to the most?

Panelists:

Location:

Deconstructing MCU

A (quick) review of the 22 Marvel Cinematic Universe movies.

Panelists:

Location:

Female Leads in DC Movies

Wonder Woman, Cat Woman, and Super Girl. That's it. Why aren't there more females lead actors in DC movies?

Panelists:

Location:

Lego Cinematic Universe

The Lego Cinematic Universe started in 2014 and is already planned through 2024. It's more layered than you thought.

Panelists:

Location:

Star Trek: The Motion Picture 40 Years Later

The first Star Trek movie was released 10 years after the original tv series was canceled, mostly in part to the success of Star Wars.

Panelists:

Location:

Happy 40th Birthday Harry Potter

July 31st of this year marks the 40th Birthday of Harry Potter. He may be a fictional character, but he is very real to us Harry Potter fans. What do we think he is doing at age 40?

Panelists:

Location:

Trial of a Hogwarts Professor

Dolores Umbridge was a controversial professor in Harry Potter. Was she really as evil as she seems? Or was she just trying to protect the children at Hogwarts? Let's put Dolores Umbridge on trial.

Panelists:

Location:

MST3K

All things *MST3K* from the original ten seasons to the revival, and expectations for the new season in development.

Panelists:

Location:

Red Dwarf

This science fiction comedy show from the 80s/90s has a cult following. Join other fans in a discussion on all things Red Dwarf.

Panelists:

Location:

The Characters of Blake's 7

A look at the regular and recurring characters from the popular BBC science fiction show.

Panelists:

Location:

Game of Thrones – The Final Season

The final season of Game of Thrones was controversial, to say the least. What did we like, and what did we dislike?

Panelists:

Location:

Supernatural: The Final Season

Fans of Supernatural are sad to see the show end. What predictions do we have for season 15? How do we want it to end? Will the boys survive?

Panelists:

Location:

Supernatural: Forgotten Allies and Adversaries

Supernatural has been around for almost 15 years. The boys have met many allies and adversaries in those years. Let's talk about those that we have forgotten.

Panelists:

Location:

The Good Place as Sci-Fi

The Good Place may be a philosophical sitcom, but there are also some science fiction concepts depicted. Alternative timelines, parallel worlds, and time travel play a part of the show. How do these concepts differ from other science fiction?

Panelists:

Location:

Good Omens

A discussion on the Amazon miniseries featuring David Tennant and Michael Sheen, based on the book by Terry Pratchett Neil Gaiman.

Panelists:

Location:

The Boys

What happens when superheroes go rogue and start abusing their powers? The Boys is a new hit show on Amazon's streaming service. Let's discuss!

Panelists:

Location:

Letterkenny

What started as a YouTube show has now become a hit show on Hulu. How has this show about a rural Canadian town captured the American audience?

Panelists:

Location:

Pop Culture References in Stranger Things

Stranger Things is in a way a love letter to the 80s. Let's talk about all of the pop culture references – both geeky and not.

Panelists:

Location:

A Stranger Look at the 80s

Let's compare and contrast real life in the 80s versus what has been portrayed in Stranger Things.

Panelists:

Location:

Science of the Upside Down

A look at the science of the parallel universe in Stranger Things. How does this compare to parallel universes in other tv shows?

Panelists:

Location:

Children Protagonists

There are many shows, movies, and books that feature children or young adults as protagonists. Not a new concept, from Nancy Drew to Chilling Adventures of Sabrina, why does this concept work?

Panelists:

Location:

Comparing Zombies

The Walking Dead. iZombie. Game of Thrones. Let's compare all of the types of zombies that appear in tv shows.

Panelists:

Location:

DC Comics in TV

From classic *Batman* to new shows like *Arrow*, DC Comics have been entertaining audiences since the 1950s.

Panelists:

Location:

Forgotten Science Fiction Shows

Some of the more well-known sci-fi shows have remained popular with syndication. What about the other short-lived series that we have forgotten? Listen to the panelists discuss their favorites!

Panelists:

Location:

British Invasion

Sometimes we are surprised to learn that some actors playing Americans are from across the pond. Let's discuss our favorite lesser know British actors that appear in American film and tv.

Panelists:

Location:

David Tennant Fan Panel

We all know David Tennant is one of the most beloved Doctors, but let's discuss some of his other great roles.

Panelists:

Location:

Marginalized Groups in Sci-Fi

Science Fiction has historically been at the forefront of portraying characters from marginalized groups, even if it hasn't been an equal representation. What are our favorite stories that feature marginalized groups?

Panelists:

Location:

Strong Females in Sci-Fi

Ellen Ripley. Leia Organa. Uhura. Science Fiction writers have created some strong female characters. Let's discuss our favorites in film, tv, and print.

Panelists:

Location:

Continuity Wars

Many movies and tv shows have been adapted from novels, short stories, and graphic novels. Let's discuss those that we think were done well, and those that missed the mark.

Panelists:

Location:

Missing Episodes in American TV

We know that the BBC had a dumping policy in the 1970s that was the demise of many Doctor Who episodes, but what American shows are missing episodes?

Panelists:

Location:

Slash Fiction (Late night panel)

With fan fiction a story can be whatever you want it to be. Let's discuss our favorites.

Panelists:

Location:

Who It Yourself Track

Who Do You Want to Be?

In the world of Cosplay, the possibilities are endless. How do we choose which characters to cosplay?

Panelists:

Location:

Costplay

Creating costumes can be expensive. Let's discuss tips and tricks for creating costumes on a budget.

Panelists:

Location:

Cosplay Makeup

Join our resident experts to learn makeup techniques to enhance your costume.

Panelists:

Location:

Cosplay Costumes

Reviewing techniques to creating a costume.

Panelists:

Location:

How Do You Do Your 'Do?

Cosplay is more than just costumes. Here we will discuss wigs and hairstyling.

Panelists:

Location:

Prosthetics

Creating and applying prosthetics for your cosplay costume.

Panelists:

Location:

Prop Shop

Some cosplay costumes require props. Our panelists will discuss the materials and techniques that are best for forming various props.

Panelists:

Location:

How to Speak with a British Accent

Learn some tricks to and techniques to speak with a British accent!

Panelists:

Location:

3D Printing

3D printers will get more affordable the longer the technology is around. Learn how to work with one and let your imagination soar with what you can create!

Panelists:

Location:

Knitting Workshop

Sit, Knit, and be Merry. Join a group of like-minded Doctor Who knitters as we gather together to work on current projects, chat about our favorite show, and even watch an episode or two while we put yarn to needles. We'll have practice yarn and expert help for first time knitters. Perfect for the experienced knitter or beginners who want to learn.

Panelists:

Location:

How to Get Involved!

CONsole Room is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers – this could not happen without you! Join us to learn about volunteer opportunities from one hour to year-round ConCom.

Panelists:

Location:

What Did We Miss This Year?

CONsole Room is a convention run by fans, for the fans. We work hard to bring you the best programming every year. Is there something we missed? Let us know what you would like to see next year!

Panelists:

Location:

Tardis Tour

On August 10, 2019 we took flight on the CONsole Room sponsored 2nd Annual Tardis Tour. 8 Cities, 13 TARDISes, 9 Little Free Libraries. Where did we go? Can I do it myself? Come find out more!

Panelists:

Location:

How to GISH

Many fans of Supernatural have heard of GISH, The Greatest International Scavenger Hunt the World Has Ever Seen. Interested in joining? Visit with our experienced panelists to find out what the fun is about!

Panelists:

Location: