



Quidditch, Wizard Rock and More

Quidditch

Quidditch, that high-flying sport of witches and wizards, will be a featured event of Terminus, Chicago's first *Harry Potter* conference. For the first time in nearly a century, the Seven Seas League has elected to hold the Trade Winds Tournament north of the Thirtieth Parallel, and Chicago-area fans couldn't be more ready. The Trade Winds will feature eight professional Quidditch teams, including the Wizard Ties Trolls and the Lakefront Fire Crabs, vying for the coveted Continents Cup.



The Trade Winds will take place on Upper Hutchinson Field in Grant Park on Saturday, August 9, 2008. Preliminary matches are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the elimination rounds and final match will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Spectators – both wizarding and Muggle – are more than welcome as the teams take the pitch in fierce pursuit of the title. We invite you to come and discover what makes fans the world over, from children to college student leagues, and even adult fans, chase the Golden Snitch.

Wizard Rock

In 2000, the Switchblade Kittens rocked the *Harry Potter* fan community with "Ode to Harry." In 2002, Harry and the Potters began playing in libraries around the country. In 2008, more than 400 bands re-imagined *Harry Potter* on the electric guitar, the piano, even the hammered dulcimer – a phenomenon known as "wizard rock."



Also in 2008, Terminus will present Wrock Chicago, the largest wizard rock concert in the history of the *Harry Potter* fan community. Wrock Chicago will feature 30 wizarding bands over three stages, celebrating both the exceptional creativity of the bands themselves and the *Harry Potter* series that inspired them. The concert will start at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, and last until 1:00 a.m. the next day.

If you would like, bands are available for interview. Additionally, while we are unable to offer press passes for Wrock Chicago due to space limitations, tickets may be available for purchase.

Participatory Fans

Most people react to media – whether television, films, books or something else – at the water cooler or perhaps a book club. Perhaps they even write an essay for a college class or read an article in the local paper. Tens of thousands of fans, however, take this a step further: they write fanfiction, role-play their favorite characters, create elaborate costumes and even construct complex, erudite theories. Dr. Henry Jenkins, Director of the MIT Comparative Media Studies Program, gives us a term for going beyond simple consumption of media to engage with others in critical and creative responses: participatory culture.

Hundreds of Terminus attendees, no matter what else they are – scholars, doctors, lawyers, teachers, librarians, and so on – will be participatory fans. Some will have written post-series fanfiction, some will draw brilliant fan art. Costumes will abound and nearly all will reconnect with other fans they met online. On Saturday, August 9, 2008, Terminus will give participatory fans a night all its own, to showcase what they can do and the community they've built, beyond the realm of J. K. Rowling's imagination.



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