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A Celebration of Doctor Who-Boy Was That Fun!

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This past weekend (Saturday, May the 4th, to be exact) I spent my day celebrating! I was not, however, celebrating the franchise you might guess based on the date. Instead, I was celebrating the franchise you'd guess based on knowing me even just a little bit. That's right, it was A Celebration of Doctor Who

(http://events.depaul.edu/event/a_celebration_of_doctor_who#.UYkW6KJIOvw)! Paul Booth (<https://twitter.com/pbooth81>) of DePaul University organized a truly lovely event.

I spent my day surrounded by *Doctor Who* fans. What could possibly be better?

There were two tracks going simultaneously. One room was for screening *Doctor Who* episodes. Sadly, I wasn't able to make it over there at all, I was so busy with the other track—the roundtable discussions. These were fabulous—and not just 'cause I was on two of them.* I got to talk about “The Long Appeal of Doctor Who” and “Doctor Who Fandom.” Both were fun discussions with lovely and intelligent people.**

After the roundtables, Robert Shearman (<http://robertshearman.net/>) did a live commentary of his episode “Dalek” and a Q&A after. He was as hilarious and informative as always. He even did a short reading from one of his stories. It was delightful! (...if disturbing—he excels at disturbing!)

A particular highlight of the day was getting to meet so many Verity! (<http://veritypodcast.com/>) fans. I lost track of the number of people who approached me between panels to tell me they liked the podcast. I couldn't be more chuffed. Thank you to everyone who made me feel so so special.

Here are some other highlights in no particular order:

- I bought a book and a Big Finish audio adventure!***
- My heretofore twitter-only friend [Mel Heeres \(https://twitter.com/GeekilyGF\)](https://twitter.com/GeekilyGF) brought me a gluten-free donut!
- [Rob Shearman \(https://twitter.com/ShearmanRobert\)](https://twitter.com/ShearmanRobert) drew a Dalek for me.
- [Jody Lynn Nye \(http://www.sff.net/people/jodynye/\)](http://www.sff.net/people/jodynye/) showed me her fabulous photo album w/ pictures of John Pertwee, Tom Baker, Peter Davison, Colin Baker, Lis Sladen, Ian Marter, Janet Fielding, and probably more I've forgotten. It was SO. COOL.
- I got to hang out with friends I don't get to see often enough: [Lynne \(https://twitter.com/lynnemthomas\)](https://twitter.com/lynnemthomas), [Michael \(https://twitter.com/michaeldthomas\)](https://twitter.com/michaeldthomas), Caitlin, and [Felicity \(https://twitter.com/Feliopolis\)](https://twitter.com/Feliopolis)!
- [Mary Robinette Kowal \(http://www.maryrobinettekowal.com/\)](http://www.maryrobinettekowal.com/) gave me advice on shoes.
- My parents came along with me and enjoyed it thoroughly. They saw almost every single panel and had a blast!
- [Jody Lynn Nye \(https://twitter.com/JodyLynnNye\)](https://twitter.com/JodyLynnNye) brought Jelly Babies (in a TARDIS lunchbox) and passed them out to our panel—and the audience!
- I had lunch (and then coffee) with [Carole Barrowman \(http://www.carolebarrowman.com/\)](http://www.carolebarrowman.com/), who is as lovely and entertaining as her brother.
- [The Well-Tempered Schism \(http://www.welltemperedschism.com/\)](http://www.welltemperedschism.com/) provided some lovely Who-themed music during the reception after the events.

I could probably go on and on about how awesome it was, but I shall stop here. If another event of this sort happens while I'm still in the USofA, I will most definitely make it a point to attend. I encourage anyone in the Chicago area to keep your eyes open and do the same.

As a matter of fact, if you're a *Doctor Who* fan, look around and see if there are any local Who-themed meet-ups or events. There's something magical about gathering in person to celebrate something we love so very much.

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**I even moderated my first panel EVER. Scary. And, as it turned out: Fun!*

***One of those people was my Verity! cohort Lynne!*

****Yes, ME. I bought an audio. Even I'm not sure what to think about that.*

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1. **Paul Booth** says:

May 7, 2013 at 11:07 am

I'm so glad you enjoyed it! What audio did you get? :)

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◦ **Erika Ensign** says:

May 7, 2013 at 11:10 am

On Rob's recommendation, I got "Deadline." Several people have told me it's very good, so I'm looking forward to it!

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◦ **Paul Booth** says:

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Oh yes – it is FANTASTIC. I'd love to know what you think when you've listened to it

◦ **Erika Ensign** says:

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My Verity! cohost Liz has already demanded that I write a review when I'm finished, so that'll probably happen at some point. :)

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