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**SAN DIEGO THEATRE ARTISTS TARGET
AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE WITH
DR. HORRIBLE'S SING ALONG BLOG - LIVE**

With "geeks" and fandom from all over the world descending on San Diego for Comic-Con International, **Chinese Pirate Productions(CPP)** is gearing up for their July 17th opening of **Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog-LIVE in San Diego!** CPP has amassed over 2300 fans on Facebook since March, with those numbers continuing to grow at about 150-200 "likes" a week. A tall order for their 16 performance run in the 107 seat 10th Avenue Theatre in Downtown San Diego.

"We have more Facebook fans than we have tickets to sell!" says Director/Producer Andy Lowe. "We've been getting feedback from fans from all over the U.S., plus Canada, Australia, China, even one from Sweden!"

Not bad for an independently produced, fully fan driven stage adaptation of an internet musical! The show is adapted from **Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog**, a 2008 musical tragicomedy produced exclusively for Internet distribution. It tells the story of Dr. Horrible (Neil Patrick Harris-*How I Met Your Mother*), an aspiring super villain; Captain Hammer (Nathan Fillion-*Castle*), his nemesis; and Penny (Felicia Day- *The Guild*), their mutual love interest.

Writer/director **Joss Whedon** (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, Firefly, Serenity, Dollhouse*), his brothers **Zack Whedon** (a television writer) and **Jed Whedon** (a composer), and actress **Maurissa Tancharoen**, wrote the musical during the 2008 WGA writers' strike. The film earned many awards including a special category Emmy.

This stage production is Directed and adapted by **Lowe** (*former Artistic Director and founder of the San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre*) who has assembled a team of fans and friends, who also happen to be accomplished theatre artists; including musical arrangements and orchestrations by Musical Director **Brian Hammond**, sets by Scenic Designer **David F. Weiner** (*700 Sundays - La Jolla Playhouse and Broadway*), Projection Design by **Michael Lowe** (*YellowFace - Mo'olelo*), Lighting design by **Chris Rynne** (*Plaid Tidings - the Old Globe Theatre*), Sound Design by **Paul Peterson** (*How the Grinch Stole Christmas-the Old Globe Theatre*), costumes by **Jannifer Mah** (*the Crucible - MOXIE/Intrepid*), and introducing choreographer **Karen Li** (*UCSD*).

"It has been the perfect marriage of my two worlds; theatre and geek-dom!" says **Lowe**. "This began out of wanting to see more of San Diego represented in all the madness and fun that is Comic-Con, amongst all the hype that Hollywood has been importing! With San Diego being the closet theatre town that it is, I thought this was a great opportunity to showcase what our local arts community has to offer."

San Diego's local music scene is also represented. The cast includes **Jane Lui** (www.janelui.com), who's album, "*Goodnight Company*" was recently nominated for a **San Diego Music Award** for Best Recording. **Lui** makes her acting debut in the female lead "Penny," along-side fellow cast mates **Michael Nieto, Susan Hammons, Adina Silva, Claire Kaplan, Karen Li, Zack Wolfe, Thomas Lokensgard**, with **Michael Minto** as the blustery Captain Hammer and **Nathan Turner** in the title role of Dr. Horrible. (*Bios and supplementary videos with information about the entire 40 person production team can be found at: <http://iwanttosingablog.blogspot.com/>*)

"Translating from a computer screen to a live stage is tricky. There's a lot of sleight-of-hand you have to do to make it work. But we have an incredible cast, an amazing creative team, and we're supported by craftsmen and artisans from theatre shops around San Diego who are friends and fans who love the source material!" says **Lowe**.

The production will run July 16 - July 30th as part of **Gam3rCon**, a Gaming based event taking over the **10th Ave Theatre** in Downtown San Diego. Performances during Comic Con week will be performed in repertory with **Gam3rs: the Play**, the hit one man show, starring and written by **Brian Bielawski** and co-written/directed by **Walter G. Meyer**. (www.Gam3rsthewebsite.com)

For tickets and information go to www.IWantToSingAlong.com

PRESS: Complimentary Tickets for **July 17th Opening Night** can be claimed at: <http://www.gam3rcon.com/rsvp.html>

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DR. HORRIBLE'S SING-ALONG BLOG -LIVE- One Sheet

Who: **Producers** - Chinese Pirate Productions
Executive Producer- Andy Lowe
Associate Producer- Dennis-Michael Broussard (Silk Road Productions)

What: **Dr. Horrible's Sing Along Blog - LIVE!**
by Maurissa Tanchoren, Zack, Jed, and Joss Whedon
adaptation by Andy Lowe
arrangements and orchestrations by Brian Hammond
Starring: Nathan Turner, Michael Minto, Jane Lui (www.JaneLui.com), Michael Nieto, Susan Hammons, Adina Silva, Claire Kaplan, Zack Wolfe, Karen Li and Thomas Lokensgard.

Dr. Horrible, an aspiring super-villain with his own video blog, is attempting to join the prestigious Evil League of Evil (led by the legendary "thoroughbred of sin", Bad Horse), but his plans are usually foiled by the egotistical superhero Captain Hammer. Horrible's life is thrown for a loop when he falls in love with Penny, a beautiful and optimistic advocate for the homeless he meets at the laundr-o-mat, a situation which complicates itself even further when Penny begins dating the boorish, oafish Hammer after apparently saving her life. Faced with the task of impressing the League, can Horrible ruin the day, kill the hero, and still get the girl?

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When: **July 17th – 30th, 2011**

Saturday	7/16 -	8pm (Preview Performance)
Sunday	7/17 -	7pm (For Press Tickets, go to: www.gam3rcon.com/rsvp.html)
Tuesday	7/19 -	6pm
Wednesday	7/20-	8pm
Thursday	7/21-	6pm / 10pm
Friday	7/22-	4pm / 8pm
Saturday	7/23 -	4pm / 6pm
Sunday	7/24 -	4pm / 8pm
Friday	7/29-	8pm/ 10pm
Saturday	7/30-	2pm / 8pm

Where: **Gam3rCon**
Tenth Avenue Theatre
930, 10th Ave
San Diego, CA 92101

Tickets: \$35 @ the Door
\$30 @ www.brownpapertickets.com/event/154679

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