

Meeting Chama

Chama C. Fox is a musician and a veteran in the furry community, responsible for hosting both the Furry Music Café and the annual Charity Concert. We asked him a few questions about his involvement.

How did you come to get involved with the music events at NordicFuzzCon?

When NordicFuzzCon started up in 2013, I was right there starting up the Furry Music Café, an event that I'd been running at Eurofurence since E9g. Wolftale asked me the year after if I wanted to do a charity concert, and it took me about a picosecond to decide that I really wanted to. The two events have been recurring events at NFC ever since.

Why the café format, with free cookies, tea, and coffee? Why not just an open mic event?

It's a matter of trying to find the right atmosphere. It's not as formal as a concert, and there is less pressure on the musicians. But it does have a structure and a programme. And people seem to enjoy having a bit of what we call "fika" here in Sweden.

Charity concerts at conventions sometimes cost money to attend, with the ticket sales going towards the charity. At NFC, the concert is free and money is collected during the show instead. What's the reasoning behind that decision?

I didn't want anyone to not be able to attend the concert by missing out on getting a ticket and all the extra hassle of ticket sales. This way is easier. Just come to the concert, and donate to charity if you want. Last year, people were much more generous than what ticket sales would have amounted to, anyway!



Photo by Atkelar

What are you most looking forward to this year?

There are a couple of numbers we're doing at the concert this year that are going to be really, really good! You should not miss them!

What are your views on music in the furry fandom?

It's become so much more an established thing than in the beginning. A lot of furrries are making and playing music these days, and I want to help and promote this in concerts and events. So, that's what I do! Oh, and next year we need a drummer! If you play the drums, contact me!

Cheese, cheese party...

If you were at the opening ceremony, you probably saw the music video for the song 'Cheese Party', featuring a dancing and cheese-shopping Mausie (and his posse). If you didn't catch it, you can find the video available on the official NordicFuzzCon YouTube channel.

The music video was shot during the NordicFuzzCon STEW weekend in the autumn of 2015, at Hotel Nynäshamn and at a local ICA super market. A few additional shots were later done in Oslo, Norway, and the video was edited together by Atkelar (head of the Photo & Video department).

The song was made by the furry duo calling themselves Baxxter & Burr, consisting of two furry musicians hailing from Norway: Burr Koda, and our very own Miles T.F. Baxxter (editor of What the Fuzz?!). The song can be found on the duo's three-song EP release entitled 'Infoxication' (which is available through Bandcamp, iTunes, and Spotify).

Burr Koda also did the sound design for NordicFuzzCon's animated Atlantis: The Lost Paradise promotional video. This includes all the music, sound effects, and voices (with the exception of the GPS, which was voiced by Shay). The 'Cheese Party' song can actually be heard in the background at certain places. This is because the song was originally intended to be featured more heavily in the video, but the script took a turn which did not allow for this and it was reduced to an easter egg.



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