

Crix Lee



COO/Editor-in-Chief/On-Air Host - GirlGamer.com; Staff Writer - Dread Central.com, GeekWeek.com

Cricket (Crix) Lee's move to Los Angeles was completely by accident and points the finger at James Gunn for moving here. Lee

is a huge fan of Gunn's and in 2007, saw a MySpace bulletin from Gunn saying he would be on a show called "Filmmut" (The Stream.tv). July 2008, Lee decided to move to L.A. when the lease was up on her Idaho apartment - armed only with an internship at **The Stream.tv** and an unpaid gig as a co-host on an internet radio show.

Lee's first official gaming piece was an op-ed about Lara Croft for **GamingAngels.com** and soon after was offered a writing job with **GirlGamer.com** and within 8 months was promoted to Editor-in-Chief; picked up by **GeekWeek.com** and **DreadCentral.com** as a contributing staff writer (which she still enjoys to this day); and was lucky enough to be an extra in Season 2 of **The Guild**. Her podcast, "**A Fangirl's Guide**" (iTunes) is currently hibernating awaiting her triumphant return aka 2012.

Lee also enjoys her life in front of the camera interviewing heroes and heroines like Dick DeBartolo, Seth Killian, Carlos Ferro, Chris Gore, Mel Brooks, Adam Green, Jennifer Hale, Aisha Tyler, Michelle Rodriguez, and the ladies of Team Unicorn.

Most recently, Lee was promoted to Chief Of Operations for **GirlGamer.com** and is still a hardcore horror fan and Star Wars fangirl (even the "crap" ones).

Whether it's in the tv/film or video game industry, Lee is CONSTANTLY up to no good on and off camera. Keep an eye out for her on the red carpets and gaming parties...she may have a few questions for you.

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Helenna Santos Levy



**Actress/
Self Producing
Ninja**

**member of the
IAWTV (International
Academy of Web Tele-
vision)*

Helenna chose to take on the beloved title of "multi-hyphenate" in the fall of 2008 when she produced, wrote, starred in, and directed her first web project

The Day Player. She then followed that with 96 episodes of the **Helenna's Tinseltown Tuesdays** with guest stars like Kevin Alejandro (True Blood), David H. Lawrence XVII (Heroes), and Louis Lombardi (24, The Sopranos).

Helenna then went on to produce and guest star in **The Ex-Convict's Guide** with her husband, veteran actor/filmmaker Barry W. Levy. The series also starred Julia Benson (Stargate Universe) and Patrick Gallagher (Glee, True Blood). Barry and Helenna are now in the middle of production for a new animated series **Girl and Boy**. Helenna voices the character "Girl" and is an executive producer.

As an actress, Helenna will soon be seen in the upcoming **American Reunion** for **Universal** (aka. The 4th theatrical installment of **American Pie**), directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg of **Harold and Kumar** fame. She has appeared in many film, tv, and web projects including: **In the Motherhood** (ABC), **The Dead Zone** (USA), and **BlackBoxTV** (YouTube).

Helenna has a love of The Doors, e.e. cummings, old school jazz music, any comedy that can mix in social commentary with off the wall humor, and zombies. Like, she really really loves zombies....

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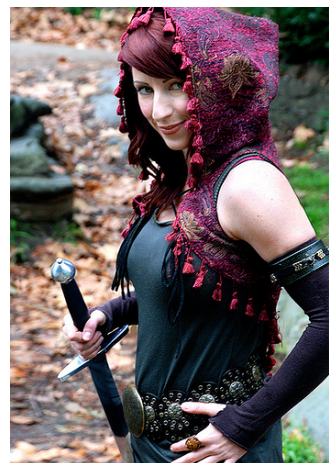
Kristen Nedopak (Fight Class, Think Hero TV), **Leah Cevoli** (Robot Chicken, On the Road with Leah), **Stephanie Thorpe** (ElfQuest), **Crix Lee** (GirlGamer) and **Helenna Santos Levy** (American Reunion) are producers, hosts, actresses and all-round personalities who spent time and love creating their own popular web series, films and TV shows.

Learn how they built their geek personas and gain insight into the struggles and success of working in the business.

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Kristen Nedopak



Actress, Host, Uber Geek and Co-creator of over 30 films and web series, including a web series about swordfighting on film called *Fight Class*.

Kristen began the road to performance at an early age in a small, one-horse town in Western N.Y. Her dream was to inspire people and to make them laugh (by any

means necessary). After graduating from Syracuse University with a BFA, Kristen lived in Boston, Italy, Seattle, and then finally landed in LA where her film and commercial career took off. She's booked major campaigns for Swiffer, Pet Smart, Oregon Lottery and Taco Time; and starred in over thirty independent films, including lead roles in *The Scratch* and *It Can Be Arranged*. Kristen was also in two episodes of one of her favorite shows *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

With acting accomplishments under her belt, Kristen began dabbling in the world of producing and hosting, booking the Variety World Conference with Simon Cowell, E3: Making the Game featuring Bear Grylls (*Man vs. Wild*) and other exciting red carpet events and shows. She also co-created and starred in two seasons of a comedic skit-driven web series called *PUCKER* (puckerjibs.com). Driven by her expertise in art and design, and passion for costumes, books, and eye candy, Kristen created the popular geek blog *Outta This World, the art of Fantasy and Sci-Fi* (Outta-This-World.com). Most recently, you can see her dishing out opinions and news for geek genre TV and interviewing celebs on *Think Hero TV* (ThinkHero.com). Kristen's pet project is her latest co-created hosted series called *Fight Class*, where she works with professional movie swordmasters to recreate epic fight scenes from geek films and TV shows (and yes, she is excellent with a blade!)

Along the way, Kristen has applied her high-tech savvy, working as a Senior UX Designer and Writer for Microsoft, the Washington National Guard and other companies for over 13 years. This only adds to the geek motif, doesn't it?

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Leah Cevoli



Producer for Game Over, Creator of *Livin' On A Dream*, *On the Road with Leah*, and regular voice-actor on the Emmy Award winning show, *Robot Chicken*

Leah Ann Cevoli started performing in southwest Philadelphia at the age of 6, producing shows (in her backyard), using her four siblings as supporting cast. After

spending the summer of 1999 on tour with Poison, Leah could lead the normal life no more and left the East Coast for the bright lights of Hollywood.

As an actor, she is most notably known as a regular voice actor on Cartoon Network's hilariously snarky "**Robot Chicken**" and for her work on HBO's "**Deadwood**".

Leah has a loyal online following, and is the kind of girl who wins online contests; most recently Leah won free LASIK eye surgery. (True Story!) She has a number of projects online, including **Livin' On A Dream**; an inspirational talk-show that Leah created and hosts. *Livin' On A Dream* has shot 35 episodes in 4 states and 7 cities, and will soon be seen on Time Warner Cable's INd Tv channel. Leah also created a popular weekly Vlog, **On the Road with Leah**, which has shot 53 episodes, in 8 states and 15 cities.

In the producing realm, Leah has over 10 years experience producing large-scale live events, charity and fundraisers. Leah is now producing for television and film; recently producing the horror short, **Body of Work** in 2009, which continues to win awards on the festival circuit, and in 2011, producing the television pilot, **Game Over**, which was shot in the suburbs of Philadelphia.

Leah currently splits time between Los Angeles and Philadelphia, and is in pre-production on the feature films **Untold**, and **The Gettysburg Ghost**.

Born on International Star Wars Day (May 4th), Leah is very excited to be gearing up for her next acting role in **Jedi Camp**, a web-series created by First Glance Films

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Stephanie Thorpe



Actor, producer, content creator and life-long geek.

Stephanie was born and raised in Vancouver, she studied at Oxford and received a Master's Degree from the University of Toronto.

She has been a driving force as a producer and actor in numerous web projects including the critically acclaimed **After Judgment** (6 Streamy nominations), **Asylum** (NYTVF official selection, LA Web Fest winner, and just picked up by BET), **Babelgum's Hurling Through Space**, and Tyler Mane's **The Mane Show**.

Most notably, Stephanie just wrapped the fan fiction trailer **ElfQuest** (based on the 34yr old comic series) which was recently featured in the New York Times, io9, Attack of the Show & CBS among other publications (www.elfquestfantrailer.com).

This crowd-sourced production launched at WonderCon and was followed by a gala in LA hosted by The Screen Actors Guild. Over 27,000 viewers watched the livestream and the site has had almost 200,000 hits since April 5th 2011. She was honored to speak on a panel at San Diego Comic Con 2011 about her production.

Stephanie was thrilled to host the second **Celebrate the Web** event during ComicCon 2010 (an interactive forum for genre web creators & fans), and just hosted a global web festival for that non-profit organization. She also held a New Media Meetup sponsored by SAG and Blip.TV at Comic Con 2011.

She is one of the founding members of **The League of Extraordinary Ladies**—a group focused on fostering geek connections IRL. Stephanie's most recent production, **Shelf Life**, launched on Oct 25th 2011. She has been a panelist at Comic Con, Wonder Con, Geek Girl Con, Vid Con, Digital Hollywood, SAG & AFI.

Stephanie continues to work in TV/film and garnered Best Actress in a Drama at the NYFilmFest. Her web acting credits also include guest appearances in the long-running **Elevator** and **The Temp Life**. She most recently starred in the Parsec Award-winning **GOLD** spin-off **Night of the Zombie King**, for which she was nominated as Best Supporting Actress by Indie Intertube in 2011. She looks forward to upcoming productions both on-camera and off.

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