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Local Joss Whedon fans present the 8th annual “Can’t Stop the Serenity” movie charity events

For the eighth year in a row, local fans of television and film writer/director Joss Whedon will gather to raise money for Equality Now, a charity dedicated to promoting the human rights of women and girls worldwide. Whedon was most recently at the helm of “The Avengers” as writer/director and also created “Serenity” which is featured in this event.

Says Joss Whedon: “Equality is not a concept. It’s not something we should be striving for—it’s a necessity. Equality is like gravity—we need it to stand on this earth as men and women.”

Proceeds from the local *SciFi Outpost’s* Can't Stop the Serenity screenings support the following charities:

- Equality Now (<http://www.equalitynow.org/>)
- Kids Need to Read (<http://www.kidsneedtoread.org/>)
- Tahirih Justice Center (<http://www.tahirih.org/>)

Each event features a screening of Whedon’s cinematic release “Serenity” (based on cult television show “Firefly”). This year’s event will include raffles, a Whedonverse Costume Contest, auctions and prize giveaways, and showings of internet sensation, “Dr. Horrible’s Sing-A-Long Blog.” Saturday’s event will include live entertainment with [Mikey Mason](#) including his well-known music video “[She Don’t Like Firefly](#).”

Event details:

Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, 2013

Arlington Cinema and Draffhouse
2903 Columbia Pike
Arlington VA 22204

Tickets will be \$10 for Friday and \$15 for Saturday, and will be on sale online at the [Arlington Cinema and Draffhouse](#)

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About Joss Whedon:

Whedon is a well-known proponent of gender equality, from his mother being actively involved in Amnesty International and helping to found Equality Now, to the creation of strong female characters in stories like Buffy The Vampire Slayer, Angel, Dollhouse, Firefly and Serenity. Most recently he has gained great acclaim as the writer/director of Marvel's The Avengers. Says Whedon: "There are two ways to fight a battle like ours. One is to whisper in the ear of the masses, try subtly and gradually to change the gender expectations and mythic structures of our culture. That's me. The other is to step up and confront the thousands of atrocities that are taking place around the world on an immediate, one-by-one basis. That's a great deal harder, and that's Equality Now. It's not about politics; it's about basic human decency."

About Equality Now:

Equality Now was founded in 1992 to work for the protection and promotion of the human rights of women around the world. Working with national human rights organizations and individual activists, Equality Now documents violence and discrimination against women and mobilizes international action to support their efforts to stop these human rights abuses. For more information, visit <http://EqualityNow.org> or contact Amanda Sullivan, Director, Women's Action Network, Equality Now at (212) 586-0906.

About Serenity:

"A passenger with a deadly secret. Six rebels on the run. An assassin in pursuit. When the renegade crew of Serenity agrees to hide a fugitive on their ship, they find themselves in an action-packed battle between the relentless military might of a totalitarian regime who will destroy anything—or anyone—to get the girl back and the bloodthirsty creatures who roam the uncharted areas of space. But, the greatest danger of all may be on their ship. From the mind of Joss Whedon (Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, Firefly) comes a new edge-of-your-seat adventure loaded with explosive battles, gripping special effects and fantastic new worlds!" Written and directed by Joss Whedon for Universal. Released 2005.

About SciFi Outpost:

A DC-based fan group that meets over lunch once a month to talk all things sci-fi and fantasy. Other gatherings include movies, drinks, conventions, concerts, gaming and other events. Visit us at <http://www.meetup.com/SciFi-Fantasy-Outpost/>.