

the haircut, and proceeded to sing a few lines from 'Can't Help Falling in Love'.

stage, revealing that this was her first convention appearance, but the fans were extremely supportive of the Australian actress, asking her questions about her character and her various appearances on the show.

Jefferson shocked the audience a little by asking them if they wanted to know if Athena and Ilainus (played by Musetta Vander) had kissed in their tent in *Amphipolis Under Siege!* She teased that the two actresses had their own idea as to how to get the issue of the subtext raging. "Musetta was going to come out tugging a little hair out of her teeth!" she joked.

Adrienne Wilkinson was the next star attraction. The 23-year-old US actress had unfortunately been struck down by a case of the flu, but Wilkinson still found the energy to get up on stage and talk in depth about her experiences on the show.

It was clear that Wilkinson is delighted to be starring in *Xena's* sixth season, although she did admit that it was more than likely this season would be the show's last. However, the audience demonstrated how keen they were to see more of Eve following the show's conclusion by suggesting Renaissance Pictures produce an Eve spin-off show!

Wilkinson revealed that her favourite moment in *Xena* so far was in the scene in *Livia* with Augustus, in which Livia acts very loving and devoted towards him when they are face to face, but as soon as Augustus' back is turned, you can see how cunning and duplicitous she really is.

Ted Raimi's on stage appearances were some of the most memorable of the weekend. The character actor delighted the audience with his impressions of each and every member of the cast, in particular Rob Tapert, as well as his usual amusing anecdotes from behind the scenes on the show.

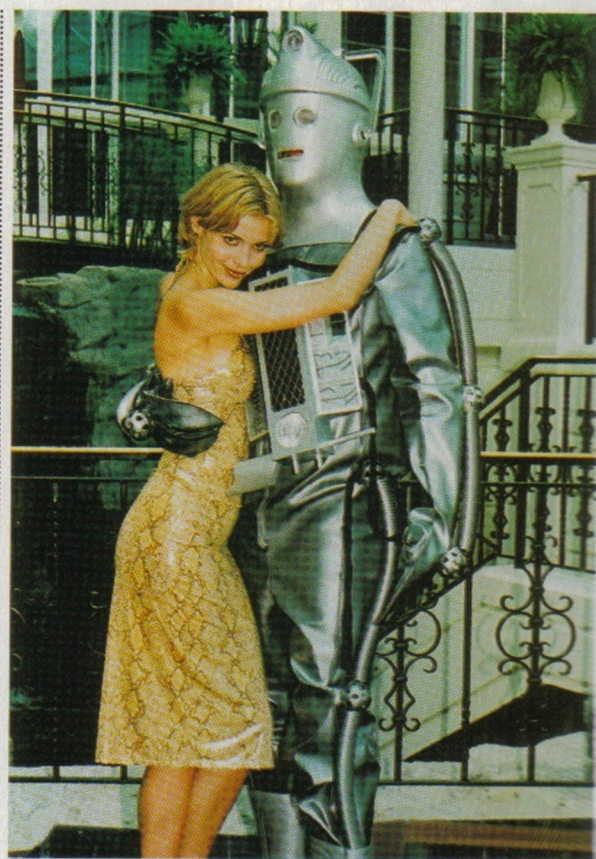
Raimi's impressions of him persuading Lucy and Renee to wind up Tim Omundson were easily the highlight of his appearance. The audience was in stitches as Raimi pretended to get on the phone to Lucy Lawless, faked her New Zealand accent, then pretended to dial Renee O'Connor and put on a Texan accent. Raimi thought the plan was extremely amusing and worked a treat, although he admitted he



was still waiting for his comeuppance from Tim Omundson!

When Raimi appeared on stage on the Sunday, he came on with a tea tray, proclaiming his love for the English beverage, and then decided that as he'd already treated the audience to his many anecdotes the day before, he'd try something new. He proceeded to invite members of the audience on stage to act out a typical movie audition session, with some fans as producers and some as potential stars of the film: 'Mata Hari She Wolf The Musical!' Audience members were tasked with such diverse activities as howling like a wolf and dancing like chickens!

The final star to appear on stage was Hudson Leick. Callisto's real-life alter ego wowed the audience with her dramatic entry, which was greeted with rapturous applause. Before talking at length about her experiences on *Xena* and *Hercules*, Leick flounced up and down the stage for five minutes, posing for the camera and enjoying the attention. However, her stint was soon interrupted by the appearance of another Callisto – Ted Raimi in a blond wig – who claimed that Hudson was an imposter and tried to get her off the stage!



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