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Twin Cities Pagan Pride will be hosting their 12th annual Paganicon Midwest Conference, March 17-19, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, 3131 Campus Dr, Plymouth, MN.

**Minneapolis, Minnesota** - Paganicon is a Pagan conference with workshops, panels, discussions, social space, live music, a ball, vendors and more. In its twelfth year, Paganicon is organized by Twin Cities Pagan Pride and a host of volunteers to provide an educational and social venue for Pagans, Wiccans, Heathens, Druids, and other folk, craft, indigenous or magickal traditions. **Paganicon welcomes Guests:** 



**Christopher Penczak** is a Witch, teacher, writer and healing practitioner. His practice draws upon the foundation of both modern and traditional Witchcraft blended with the wisdom of mystical traditions from across the globe as a practitioner and teacher of shamanism, tarot, Reiki healing, herbalism, astrology and Qabalah.

He is the founder of the Temple of Witchcraft tradition and system of magickal training based upon the material of his books and classes. He is an ordained minister primarily serving the New Hampshire and Massachusetts pagan and metaphysical communities through public rituals, private counsel and teaching, though he travels extensively teaching throughout the United States.



Andras Corban-Arthen is the founder and spiritual director of the EarthSpirit Community and is also president of the European Congress of Ethnic Religions headquartered in Vilnius, Lithuania. He is a member of the advisory council of the Ecospirituality Foundation, a United Nations Consultative NGO in Italy, and served for thirteen years on the board of trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions. Andras became involved in paganism in 1969 and has taught and lectured publicly about the pagan traditions in over twenty countries; he has been featured in a number of books as well as news media. Originally from Galiza, Spain, he lives with his extended family in Glenwood, a 130-acre pagan sanctuary and nature preserve in a forest of the Berkshire Highlands in western Massachusetts.



**Kristoffer Hughes** is Chief of the Anglesey Druid Order and the award-winning author of several books including *As the last leaf falls and Cerridwen: Celtic Goddess of Inspiration*. He is the designer of the Celtic Tarot and the forthcoming Yuletide Tarot and *The Book of Druidry*. He is a graduate of the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids and is its thirteenth Mount Haemus Scholar. He was born to a Welsh family on the foothills of mount Snowdon and is a native Welsh speaker who is devoted to the Welsh pantheon of deities. He is also a part time Welsh language television actor and presenter. He lives on the sacred Isle of Anglesey, the last stronghold of the ancient British Druids. He can be reached online via angleseydruidorder.co.uk

- Festival favorites, **Sharon Knight and Winter**, will be the Friday Night Concert entertainment. International musicians who are currently working on their eighth studio album, called *Undertow*, which they anticipate being completed in Spring 2023. Dynamic music & dance project, **The Mechanist & The Star Goddess**, will open the entertainment for the Equinox Masquerade Costume Ball. The band combines electric violin, heavy percussion, and mesmerizing movement to create a profound sight-and-sound experience. They will be followed **Open Investigation**, who take original 60's to 70's style Classic Rock and Blues music to the next level with a fusion of with Folk-Rock harmonies, gutsy vocals, and a psychedelic hackbone
- 2023 Art Show The Third Offering: A Sacred Gallery Space. Artists from all over the U.S. will be displaying all types of visual media. The Art Gallery is free and open to the public.

**Twin Cities Pagan Pride** is a 501(c)3 independent organization. Its mission is to educate the general public about earth-reverent faiths, promote religious tolerance for all faiths, and to provide a forum for the exploration, comparison, contrast, growth and expansion of diverse spiritual and religious ideas, theories, practices, traditions and views.