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## 41st Superman Celebration features star studded lineup

Durance, Slater and Law experience Metropolis



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This year's 41st annual Superman Celebration line up has officially been announced. This year's special celebrity guests will be: Erica Durance, Helen Slater and Katrina Law.

Durance, best known for playing Lois Lane in the TV series *Smallville*, will attend the Celebration for the first time.

Durance, also known for portraying Dr. Alex Reid in a producer and lead actress on CTV's hit medical drama *Saving Hope*. Playing the role of Reid, she garnered Canadian Screen Award nominations in 2013 and 2017. Many Superman fans know her as Lois Lane from *Smallville*, which she starred in for seven years.

Her many notable guest appearances include *Wonder Woman* on *Harry's Law*, with Kathy Bates, and *Samantha Masters* in the *Charlie's Angels* remake. Durance's more recent film credits include her tour de force performance as twin sisters in the Italian film *Gemelle*. In 2011, Durance was nominated for a Saturn Award and Teen Choice Award for best actress for her work in *Smallville*.

In 2012, *Hello! Canada* magazine listed her as one of Canada's 50 Most Beautiful People, and *Buddy TV* ranked her #9 on its TV's 100 Sexist Women. Durance is a supporter of World Vision Canada and lives in Vancouver, British Columbia with her husband and their three sons.

Slater, who played *Supergirl* in the 1984 film *Supergirl*, also appeared on *Smallville* in the role of Lara, and most recently played *Supergirl's* adopted mother on the *Supergirl* TV series, will return to Metropolis for a second visit. She also visited the Superman Celebration in 2007.

In her next film, Slater was cast alongside Christian Slater as *Billie Jean Davy*, a folk hero who styles herself as

a modern-day Joan of Arc, in the film *The Legend of Billie Jean*. In the following years, she starred in several comedy-drama films such as *Ruthless People*, *The Secret of My Success*, and *City Slickers* with Billy Crystal, the steamy *A House in the Hills* with Michael Madsen, and the action-crime drama *No Way Back* opposite Russell Crowe.

Other noteworthy performances were seen in films including *12:01*, *Betrayal of the Dove*, and opposite Andy Richter in *Seeing Other People*. Slater has appeared on episodes of various television series, including *The New Adventures of Old Christine*, *Supernatural*, four episodes as the voice of Talia in *Batman: The Animated Series*, and others.

She was a series regular on the half-season run of the 1990 ABC newsroom drama *Capital News* and the 2011–2013 two-season run of the ABC Family series *The Lying Game*. During her career, Slater has revisited her 1984 role of *Supergirl*. She made a brief guest appearance on *Seinfeld* as a love interest of Jerry Seinfeld. Slater was seen in a recurring role as Clark Kent's biological mother, Lara, on the TV series *Smallville*. In the 2000s, Slater recorded five albums, singing her own compositions and playing the piano.

Law is best known to DC Comics fans as *Nyssa Al Ghul* on The CW series *Arrow*. She currently stars on Sony Crackle's *The Oath* alongside Sean Bean and Ryan Kwanten. Prior to that, she starred as the female lead in Antoine Fuqua and Jerry Bruckheimer's *Training Day* series for CBS and Warner Brothers Television.

Law also stars in the independent features *Apparition* directed by Quinn Saunders, and *Death Valley* directed by T.J. Scott, as well as *Zeroes* directed by Charles Smith and *Darkness Rising* directed by Austin Reading. She also starred in a pivotal role as *Danny Glover's* right hand

woman in the independent feature *Checkmate* directed by Timothy Woodward Jr.

Law has gained an extremely loyal global following from her recurring role of "Nyssa Al Ghul," on CW's *Arrow*. She notably starred as the romantic lead in Hallmark's *Snow Bride* directed by Bert Kish. *Snow Bride* has become one of Hallmarks highest rated movies, which led to her starring again for Hallmark in *12 Gifts of Christmas*, directed by Peter Sullivan. Law previously starred in the series *Spartacus* for Starz Network.

"We understand there is some concern over the free ticket offerings this year," said organizer Karla Ogle.

Last year 100 free tickets were offered for one autograph session. This year, according to Ogle, 40 will be offered.

The two individual sponsorship levels were combined into one this year; however there are more benefits of this combined sponsorship. VIP tables will be available in a new tent, specifically dedicated for dining seats. There will also be premium VIP seating for events such as the Q&A sessions in the main tent. Individuals will also receive the sponsor T-shirt for the event and receive VIP only shopping hours in the Chamber of Commerce.

"This measure was taken not to increase the profits of this fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce, but as a means to cover the costs of the event itself. For years, we were able to offer many events for free and still do offer many for free. However with the increased cost in production, rentals as well as the much larger premiums required to secure top featured guests, special guests and artists this had to be done to ensure the vitality of the event," says Karla Ogle, co-organizer of the event.

Scheduled to take place June 6-9, you can find out more about the 2019 Superman Celebration at [supermancelebration.net](http://supermancelebration.net).