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## EVENTS AT CHICON 2000

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## **What is there to do at CHICON 2000, the 58<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention, coming to Chicago this Labor Day Weekend from August 31-September 4?**

There are so many fun things to do that you will wish you had a time machine so that you don't have to miss any of them. Be prepared to make some difficult decisions about what to do between programming, parties, dances, eating, sleeping (well maybe) and the traditional events that all Worldcons have.

**Hugo® Awards Ceremony:** The Chicon 2000 Hugo® Ceremony will take place on the Saturday evening of Chicon in the Fairmont Hotel's Imperial Ballroom. This is the formal presentation of these Science Fiction achievement awards (much like the Oscars).

**Masquerade:** The masquerade will be held on Sunday night in the Imperial Ballroom at the Fairmont Hotel. The Chicon 2000 Masquerade is a costume competition for Science Fiction and Fantasy based costumes made by fans. Historical costumes with a Fantasy bent, either in their construction or in their presentation are also acceptable.

**Dances:** If you enjoy dancing or would like to learn a new style of dancing, be sure to check out the evening dance events including: Regency, Swing, Spanish, and Disco.

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**Dramatic Presentations:** We are proud to offer you a full length stage production of Ray Bradbury's *The Illustrated Man* by Moebius Theatre. Moebius Theatre has been creating Science Fiction for live performance for 23 years.

We are also excited to announce that the *Don't Quit Your Day Job Players* will be with us. This six member band is quickly becoming the hottest new cult-favorite rock-folk-blues-country fusion band in America.

If you are looking for something a little different, we have Lee Darrow, a hypnotist who will present a *Journey to the Center of Your Mind - Hypnosis 2000*. Remember to bring your imagination and be ready to sleep for Lee.

For those who really like audience participation, we are pleased to have an original Murder Mystery Theatre production called *Camelot 5*. It is a mix between Camelot and *Babylon 5*, pure schtick and great fun.

The musically inclined may have to choose between participating in musical jam sessions or attending the opera, *Faith*, which will be performed at Chicon 2000.

**Movies:** Here is the opportunity to see films on the big screen that you missed the first time around (too young for *The Day The Earth Stood Still* or *Forbidden Planet*?) or just didn't get to recently (*Dark City*, *Gattaca*)? As part of our film program, Chicon 2000 plans to show all five of the Hugo nominated films and the membership selected top ten science fiction films of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

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**Art Shows:** Chicon's Art Show will feature works by Science Fiction and Fantasy artists from around the world. And for the art historian there will be Classics of Science Fiction Art: The Chicago Show, an art retrospective display with many works from private collections.

**Dealers Room:** Need to purchase a book before you go to the "Meet the Authors Party?" Want a bronze sculptured dragon? How about a costume for the Regency dance? Then don't forget to make time to shop in the Chicon 2000 dealer's room.

**Programming:** Science panels, demos and discussions, academic programming with college credit available, artist demonstrations and workshops, small group discussions with authors, Science Fiction and Fantasy literature, film, art, and teaching panels and discussions, and scheduled author signings. The program will begin on Thursday morning and run through Monday afternoon.

**Still not enough to make you wish for that time machine?**

New to Japanese Animation or a long time fan, check out the Japanimation viewing at Chicon 2000. Like to play Dungeons & Dragons or Magic or Live Action Role Playing - or want to learn how - Chicon 2000 has extensive gaming activities planned. Take a break in the convention hospitality suite for a soda and a game of cards, or just meet your friends there for a trek to a new restaurant. Or take advantage of the group tours to baseball games, museums or even a Chicago ghost tour.

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WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION BEAMS INTO CHICAGO CHICAGO, IL.—

The 58th World Science Fiction Convention will bring over 6,000 people from around the world to The Hyatt Regency Chicago over Labor Day Weekend for movies, discussion, parties, awards, education, and just plain fun.

This five-day convention brings together writers, editors, actors, artists, and other industry professionals together with thousands of science fiction fans. Unlike most entertainment industries, there is a close bond between the professionals and the fans. The fans vote for the Hugo Awards, the industry's top prize. The "pros" speak at panels ranging from future politics to vampire lust to "how to break into writing." Many panels also feature experts in engineering, science, education, law, and other areas, allowing some panels to count as professional development hours. Movie studios also send "teaser reels" of upcoming movies, many still in production.

Add in dozens of old and new movies ranging from "Dr. Strangelove" to "The Matrix" shown in movie-quality 70mm format, video rooms showing animé, movies, or cult TV episodes, game rooms, dances, live performances of music or theatrical works, a professional art show, a masquerade contest, a gigantic bazaar of hundreds of vendors selling anything remotely associated with science fiction, plus dozens of parties every night, and you have a WorldCon.

WorldCon is in a different city every year, last year being in Australia. This is the Midwest's best chance to meet their favorite science fiction or fantasy author, learn first-hand how to break into print or film, buy books and have them autographed, or just meet people from all over the world who share a love of the fantastic.

The full five days costs \$195, with one day rates available. Admission includes all events, all movies, all signings, and all parties. For more information, look on the web at [www.chicon.org](http://www.chicon.org) or call 312-409-4440. Special services such as ASL interpreters and electric scooters are available if arranged ahead of time.

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Fact Sheet

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### GUESTS OF HONOR

Ben Bova, Author  
Bob Eggleton, Artist  
Jim Baen, Editor  
Bob and Anne Passovoy, Fans  
Harry Turtledove, Toastmaster

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Science Fiction Fun & Fact Quiz

## Chicon 2000, the 58<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention

1. The Hugo<sup>sm</sup> Award, the award given annually at the World Science Fiction Convention for Science Fiction productions ranging from novels to movies to related works, is named for:

- A. Victor Hugo, author of “Les Miserables”
- B. Hurricane Hugo (1989)
- C. Hugo Gernsback, the publisher of the first Science Fiction magazine (1926)
- D. HUGO: The Human Genome Organization
- E. Hugo Ball, German artist of the Zurich Dada movement

Answer: C, Hugo Gernsback was the first to use the term “Science Fiction” to describe this type of literature.

2. Which of the following movies did not make the voting slate for this year’s Hugo Awards “Best Dramatic Presentation” category:

- A. *The Sixth Sense*
- B. *The Iron Giant*
- C. *The Matrix*
- D. *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*
- E. *Being John Malkovich*
- F. *Galaxy Quest*

Answer: D, although the first *Star Wars* movie in 1977 won the 1978 Hugo<sup>sm</sup> Award, *The Phantom Menace* did not get enough nominations to make the voting slate.

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- D. *Mars*
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- F. *Sam Gunn Forever*

Answer: B, *Stranger in a Strange Land* was written by Robert Heinlein

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- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7

Answer: C, Chicon 2000 will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Worldcon to be hosted in Chicago. And it has been 60 years since the first Chicago Worldcon was held in 1940.

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Supporting Membership	\$ 50
Child Care Membership	\$150
Children's Membership	\$ 50

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Friday, 9/1	\$60
Saturday, 9/2	\$80
Sunday, 9/3	\$80
Monday, 9/4	\$30

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## Our Guests of Honor:

### Ben Bova

**Ben Bova** predicted the Space Race, solar power satellites, electronic books, the discovery of organic chemicals in interstellar space and ice on the Moon, virtual reality, human cloning, video games, the Strategic Defense Initiative and the proliferation of international peacekeeping forces. Dr. **Ben Bova** not only writes about the future; he has helped create it. The author of more than 95 futuristic novels and nonfiction books, he has been involved in science and high technology since the very beginnings of the space program.

Check out **Ben Bova's** latest endeavor as publisher of a new web magazine, GalaxyOnline ([www.GalaxyOnline.com](http://www.GalaxyOnline.com)). President Emeritus of the National Space Society and a past president of Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, **Dr. Bova**, is a frequent commentator on radio and television, and a widely-popular lecturer. He has also been an award-winning editor and an executive in the aerospace industry.

His novels, such as, combine romance, adventure, and the highest degree of scientific accuracy to explore the impact of future technological developments on individual human beings and on society as a whole. His nonfiction books including, *Welcome To Moonbase* and *Assured Survival* show how modern technology can be used to solve economic, social and political problems. **Dr. Bova** has also been active in journalism, education, publishing and the aerospace industry, winning seven Hugo Awards as a science fiction editor. In his spare time, Ben Bova attained his PhD in Education. His latest novel *Venus* is part of the ongoing series including *Mars* and *Return to Mars*. It follows the fortunes of the younger son of a corporate mogul amidst corporate exploration and exploitation of Venus and the complexities of politics, economics and science.

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**In his various writings, Dr. Ben Bova has predicted the discovery of:**

**Life on Mars,**

**The Space Race of the 1960s,**

**Solar Power Satellites,**

**Organic chemicals in interstellar space,**

**Virtual Reality, (VR)**

**Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars),**

**International Peacekeeping forces,**

**Ice deposits on the Moon,**

**Electronic Book Publishing**

**Zero-gravity sex.**

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### Harry Turtledove, Toastmaster

**Harry Turtledove** is well-known for his alternate history novels, Harry got his grounding in the genre with a Ph.D. in Byzantine studies. His first book was a translation of *The Chronicle of Theophanes*. He won a Hugo in 1994 for his novella, "Down in the Bottomlands," and his combination of time travel with alternate history, *The Guns of the South*, made it to the best seller lists. More in line with his scholarly interests are *Agent of Byzantium*, in which the Roman Empire has survived its historical fall but is beginning to be infected by inevitable modernity. The fantasy *Videssos Cycle*, is a series of novels tracing the exploits of a Roman legion snatched into a world of magic.

"If you've been to a WorldCon in the past decade, you've seen Harry Turtledove. Surprisingly tall and gangly, with a high balding pate and bushy beard, you might mistake him for a sci-fi Byzantine monk, which is somewhat appropriate, in that he holds a doctorate in Byzantine history. We spoke to him in his tastefully cluttered living room of his small house in Canoga Park, in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. Actually, the house would be a fairly good size if it was just him and all the books, but when you add in his wife (mystery writer Laura Frankos) and daughters Allison, Rachel, and Rebecca, it makes for crowding. Buy more of his books so he can move into a bigger place. . . ." (from an interview with Harry Turtledove for Chicon 2000 Progress Report #4 by Jeremy Bloom)



### **Jim Baen, editor Guest of Honor**

**Jim Baen**, is now publisher of one of Science Fiction's most respected imprints, Baen Books. He first won kudos as editor of *Galaxy* and *If*. He later edited the original anthology series *Destinies*, *Far Frontiers* and *New Destinies*. Under his leadership, Baen Books has published the cream of SF authors, including Harry Turtledove, Larry Niven, Lois McMaster Bujold, Jerry Pournelle, Elizabeth Moon, David Drake, S. M. Stirling and Timothy Zahn. In 1978 he was offered the job of editor at Ace Science Fiction. After a couple of years **Jim Baen** turned Ace into a power that was beginning to rival Del Rey. But they were "interesting times," since Ace had been bought, and the holding company, Grosset and Dunlap, proceeded to get into trouble - and sold off everything. So **Jim Baen** left.

It was very pleasing to **Jim** to hear a few years later that the only profitable element when Berkely acquired the Grosset and Dunlap empire, was the Ace Science Fiction imprint. And it not only lasted, and still is there, but Berkely folded its own Science Fiction imprint in favor of Ace.

Jim had the advantage over some editors in that he knows what a story is. He had the advantage over most editors in being able to spot talent before it's been published (Lois Bujold, Eric Flint, and Dave Weber were all **Jim Baen** discoveries). And he had and has a personal vision. Baen Books isn't for everybody, but it *is* always true to itself. Jim says, "Baen writers are interested in the story. And in the SF aspect of it.

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### **Bob Eggleton, Artist Guest of Honor**

**Bob Eggleton** is a successful Science Fiction, Fantasy and landscape artist. Recently, conceptualization work on the movie, *Godzilla 2000* has kept Bob extremely busy. Winner of five Hugo Awards and 10 Chesley Awards, his art can be seen on covers of magazines and books. He has also worked as a conceptual illustrator for movies and thrill rides. Of late, he has worked doing more private commissions and self commissioned work. He has been elected as a Fellow of The International Association for Astronomical Art (FIAAA). He is an artist in motion, evolving, deconstructing and re-forming to discover new media and frontiers. Often considered "restless" by some, he considers himself "evolving".

He is also a fan of B-grade films, Giant Monster films and thinks the greatest cultural loss to the U.S. has been the decline in drive-in movie theaters - "The Monsters really looked THIS BIG!" he is quoted as saying.

**Bob Eggleton** began his career as a science fiction artist in 1984 with covers for Baen Books. He has since illustrated countless books and has done work for such magazines as *Astronomy* and *Sky and Telescope*. His technique uses dramatic angles and dazzling colors to create scenes both dreamlike and starkly realistic. His versatility is legendary, ranging from sea monsters to starscapes. His other interests include Godzilla movies and craters.

For Bob's latest work, take a look at *Who's Afraid of Godzilla?* and *Godzilla Likes to Roar*, two children's books just published by Random House.

**Also attending will be hundreds of other authors, artists, editors, scriptwriters, scientists and SF personalities. What better way to bid farewell to the old millennium and say hello to the next one?**

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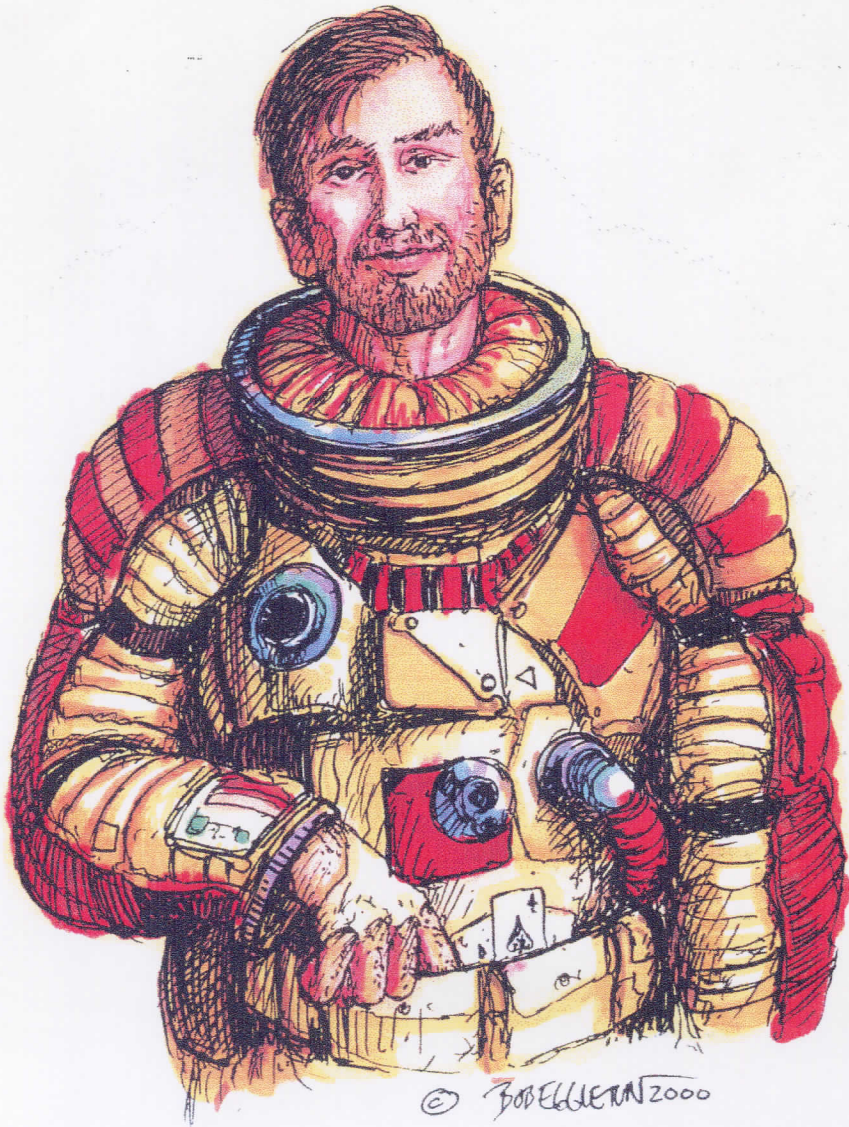
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CAPTION

**Sam Gunn has a few Aces tucked away**

Author Ben Bova's character, **Sam Gunn**, as depicted by artist Bob Eggleton, always seems to have a few Aces tucked away for any emergency. Ben Bova is author guest of honor at CHICON 2000, the 58<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention, coming to Chicago this Labor Day Weekend from August 31-September 4. Bob Eggleton is artist guest of honor at the convention. Copies of a **Sam Gunn** story written especially for the convention, titled "Grandfather Sam" will be given to members at the convention. For more information check out <[www.chicon.org](http://www.chicon.org)> or call Chicon 2000 at (312) 409-4440.

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