

Program Changes

Thu 11:30 AM: Signing, T.C. Weber, Autographs 3. – Rescheduled.

Thu 11:30 AM: Concert, Cabinet Room – John McDaid dropped off.

Thu 11:30 AM: “Small readers, big issues: MG and YA fiction,” Calvert Room – Erin Underwood dropped off as moderator and panelist. Vivian Abraham added as moderator.

Thu 11:30 AM: “What Makes A Great SFF Audio Book?” Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) – rescheduled from Kress (Virtual)

Thu 11:30 AM: “Horror Folklore Around the World,” Forum Room – Zaza Koshkadzem, Mike Underwood, Chikodili dropped off. Teri.zin, Erica T Wurth, Usman T. Malik, Sarah Guan added.

Thu 11:30 AM: Reading--Andrea Stewart,” Kress (Virtual) - Rescheduled

Thu 11:30 AM: “Balancing Story and Scientific Authenticity,” Older (Virtual) – Seanan McGuire dropped off.

All Sip with Stars events have been cancelled. Strolls with Stars are still happening.

Masquerade Registration

Executive Room (across from Con Registration)
 Wednesday 3pm-8pm
 Thursday 10am-8pm
 Friday 10am-Nnoon
 Online Registration open until 11:59pm Wednesday
 Masquerade Rehearsals 10am-1pm 3pm-5pm Friday
 Green Room open for entrants at 6pm (Ambassador Ballroom)
 Masquerade Doors open at 7pm
 Masquerade starts at 8pm

Opening Ceremonies Launch DisCon III



Picture thanks to Zoe Deterding

Opening ceremonies started the convention off with a bang. Ulysses E. Campbell, local actor/producer and Commissioner of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission joked with Chair Mary Robinette Kowal on the power of the gavel and said when fans come together it is a “thing of wonder and beauty.” Kowal thanked the 367 volunteers and sponsors Google and Rafteron. Guests of Honor Nancy Kress, Ben Yallow, and Sheree Renée Thomas spoke on their connections to fandom.

The Roosevelt High School Honor Guard marched onstage and presented the flags of the U.S. and D.C. Campbell said that the shield of DisCon3 was based on the design of the D.C. flag, which was designed around the coat of arms for George Washington.

The David A. Kyle Big Heart award went to Linda Deneroff who said she “Never in a million years expected this. So many people more deserving. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.” The First Fandom Hall of Fame Award went to William F Noland, co-author of *Logan’s Run*, who passed away in July 2021 at the age of 93. The First Fandom Posthumous Hall of Fame award went to Richard and Pat Lupoff. The Sam

Moskowitz Archive award went to Kevin L Cook. The convention also honored Bob Madle, who is the only living member of the first WorldCon.

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir sang and danced a selection of Christmas songs. Sebastian Martorana, the sculptor who designed the base for the 2021 Hugo Awards, described how the base is made of salvaged stone from the same stone quarry as the Washington Monument. Opening ceremonies closed with a proclamation from the mayor of DC welcoming DisCon3.

Virtual Bartending

Convention organizers have arranged for bartenders to join us in the Parties Zoom each night to help attendees mix drinks with what they have in their home. Bartenders will join from 9 PM EST-12 Midnight EST.

Con Suite (840)

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday, December 15th-18th 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Sunday, December 19th

Parties

The Glasgow 2024 welcomes you to a hospitality gathering on Wednesday night at 8pm onwards in room 725.

Tiara Party, Thurs 12 to 4 p.m., Omni Suite 552 Lecture & workshop: Historical replica tiaras & How to wear them. Tea & snacks, make it a party.

ADA Lifts are Not for Boxes

Yesterday, people were using the ADA lifts to move carts with boxes. Please do not do that going forward.

Rajaji Restaurant Review

Rajaji Curry House, 2603-Connecticut Ave. (202) 265 - 7344 / 7345 <http://www.therajaji.com/>

Rajaji is a small, well-lit spot, unpretentious, with incredibly welcoming and friendly staff and a huge menu. The samosas arrived quickly, very hot and stuffed full of potatoes and peas, with both a sweet and a hot sauce on the side. I found the filling slightly spicy, and my companion affirmed that it was spicier than expected, but we agreed that it was quite good. My companion described his Aloo Gobi as not as heavy on either turmeric or tomato as at other places; the sauce was lighter, a bit sweet, with lots of onion. He said it was exceptionally good.

I took a small serving of my Murgh Biryani, drizzled a bit of the Raita over it, and took a cautious first bite. It was amazing. Amazing! The saffron rice was well seasoned but not overpowering, and the chunks of chicken were large and plentiful. Slivered almonds added a nice crunch, and a few golden raisins in the mix gave tiny blasts of sweetness. There was some heat to the seasoning, but it was not extreme, and the Raita cooled down the spice considerably. – Karen M

More on Business Meeting

The Thursday (Preliminary) Business Meeting sets the agenda for the rest of the meetings, including setting debate time limits and potentially killing any new proposals introduced this year. Items passed on from previous years cannot be killed by the Preliminary Meeting. The Preliminary Meeting also receives financial reports from Worldcons, considers resolutions, and nominates people to serve on the WSFS Mark Protection Committee.

New proposals up for a first consideration this year include limiting only one work per series per year (rather than the current two) in the Dramatic Presentation, Short Form category. Another substantive change would modify the definition of the current Supporting Membership to prohibit members from transferring a supporting membership (which would be renamed "WSFS Membership"), although people could still transfer the "attending supplement" (the difference between the current attending and supporting membership) to someone else. There is also a proposal that addresses the requirements for providing contact information in order to vote in site selection and how WSFS handles that information.

There are other proposals besides the ones listed here. The full details are in the agenda, available on the DisCon III website. Paper copies of the agenda will be available at the meeting. Arrive early; the agenda is 49 pages long.

The WSFS Business Meeting is the "town meeting" government of WSFS. Come to the Business Meeting and exercise your right to help shape the future Worldcons.

Report Your News

Dis 'n Dat depends on DisCon members to send us news. Email Newsletter@discon3.org. Thank you!

Worldcon History Department

Andrew Porter donated his Disclave '71 hotel receipt to the hotel's archives. Back then, the room rate was \$20 a night plus \$1.70 in taxes. That year's Disclave shared the hotel with King Faisal of South Arabia and his entourage. Porter was Fan GoH at the 1990 Worldcon and won 3 Hugo Awards for his ALGOL fanzine and later Science Fiction Chronicle. You'll see him here wearing his Discon 1 (1963) and Discon II (1974) badges. Discon I was his first Worldcon, when he was a teenager.

Volunteer Opportunity

Attend a program item and volunteer at the same time! You'll be responsible for monitoring the Vimeo chat for program items happening in the hotel and streamed online for virtual members to watch. You'll pass any questions posed on Vimeo to the panel moderator during panel Q&A. Equipment will be provided. Sign up for this and other volunteer opportunities in the Executive Room and earn a t-shirt and other awesome rewards!

Correction

I wanted to let you know that the restaurant you published as "Vance Italian Deli" is actually Vace (people won't find Vance in Google Maps). Also it is worth pointing out this is take-out only. No tables, no chairs. And a 40 minute wait if you don't want by the slice.—Lyle



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