



DisCon III

Dispatches from DeeCee

THE 79TH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

Wednesday – Sunday, 15 – 19 December 2021

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Chair's Communiqué

Hello!

We're a little less than four months away from DisCon III. Hard to believe, isn't it? I spent much of July getting to know the convention committee and how I can best support them as we work to prepare for your arrival. I have to tell you that this is a deeply committed group and I've been really impressed by their passion. Whether you are coming in person or online, I think you'll be excited by the programming and events awaiting you. Last month, we met up at the Omni for a tour of the facility and I think this might be the most beautiful hotel Worldcon has ever been in. It will be a more intimate convention, which I see as a feature. Between panels, you'll have time to pause on those beautiful marble floors for the kind of random hallway conversations that can only happen at Worldcon. Or maybe you'll chat on the veranda with a new friend. Worldcon is home to the Hugos, but more than that it is like a homecoming, and for first time attendees, I can't wait to introduce you to the family you haven't met yet.

– Mary Robinette Kowal

DisCon III Covid-19 Policy

Our Covid-19 policy is intended to comply with all applicable laws. It is based upon guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and created in consultation with epidemiologists who are familiar with conventions and fandom. We will continue to follow developments, revise the policy as necessary, and communicate any updates or changes with members.

The current official DisCon III Covid-19 Policy is located at discon3.org/news/covid-policy.

Please visit our [Covid-19 FAQ](#) if you have any questions about this policy (or contact us at COVID@discon3.org if you have questions not answered by the FAQ).

To help make people aware if a COVID-19 exposure is discovered at the convention, members and guests are encouraged to download and install the [DC Covid Tracker](#) app.

The DisCon III community wishes that this policy was not necessary, but the safety of our members and volunteers, and the safety of our hotel staff, is our responsibility. Thank you for understanding why we have felt compelled to make these difficult decisions, and thank you for joining with us to do your part to keep our community and those around us safe.

Membership Updates

The next membership rate rise is **15 September**. The new rates will be: Regular membership: \$275 (up from \$225); Young Adult: \$140; Child: \$110; Household: \$690; First Worldcon: \$220; Virtual: \$90

Attending members who cannot attend in-person may opt to receive a refund to the Virtual membership level up to the **30 November 2021** cut-off date.

People who have purchased an Attending membership and change to a different membership level may either receive a refund of the difference or choose to donate the difference to the **Capitalize! Fan Fund** to help others attend DisCon III. Please email reg@discon3.org if you need to change your membership, and let us know your preference for your refund difference.

To learn more about your membership options, please visit our [Membership Information](#) page.

Members who need to modify their contact information, confirm membership status, purchase additional memberships, or access the Hugo Awards ballot and Hugo Packet should visit our [Members Portal](#).

Capitalize! The DisCon III Fan Fund

Capitalize! The DisCon III Fan Fund was inspired by the successes of the Worldcon 76 Mexicanx Initiative in 2018 and the Fantastic Dublin Fund in 2019. We will be financially supporting fans, staff, and program participants from marginalized communities in an effort to lift voices across science fiction, fantasy, and fandom who have not been recognized in the past. At this time, we have received \$3,185.60 in donations. Our thanks to everyone who donated. For more information, visit our [Get Involved](#) page.

To learn more about our other inclusion efforts, visit our [Inclusion](#) webpage.

Hotel Room Reservations

The Omni Shoreham is currently booked out for several of our core convention nights. You can fill out our [hotel room wait list form](#) or inquire after room shares on our [Facebook Group Page](#) or on our #Hotel-Room-Share channel on our [DisCon III Discord server](#). We are currently compiling a list of alternative hotels for your consideration, and will announce them soon. When there are new updates, they will be posted on the [DisCon III website](#), sent to members who opted in to receive email, and posted on our social media accounts.

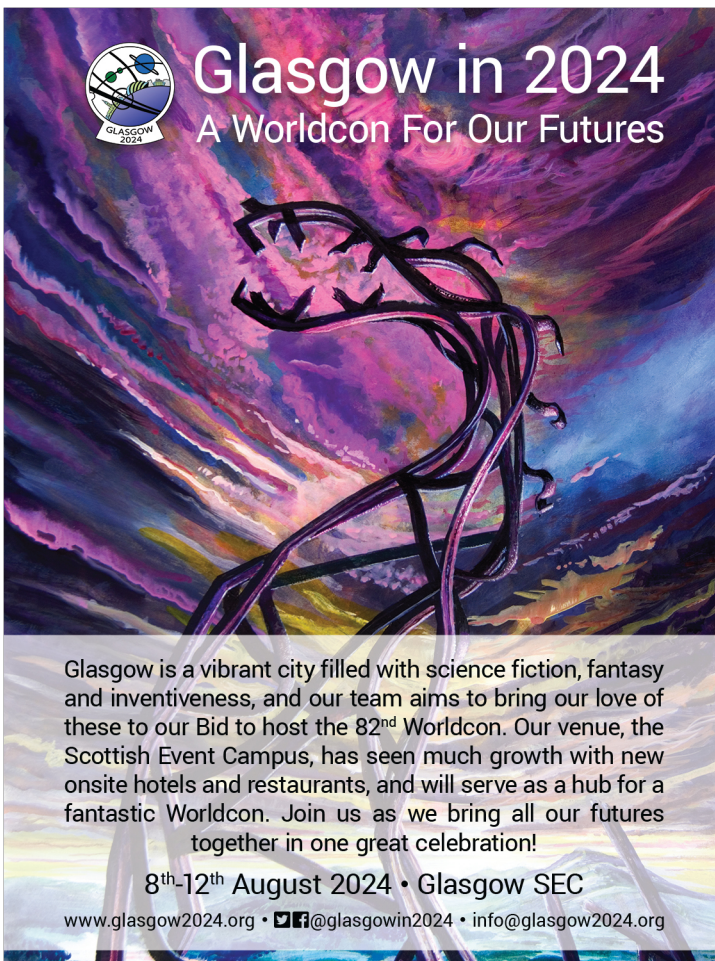
DisCon III Masquerade


In addition to the traditional Worldcon Masquerade, DisCon III will be hosting a Virtual Masquerade. The in-person Masquerade is at 20:00 EDT on Friday, 17 December 2021.

Online registration for the Virtual Masquerade closes at 23:59 EDT on Wednesday, 1 September 2021. Details on the Virtual Masquerade will be posted soon.

[Online registration](#) for the in-person Masquerade is open now. Registration for the in-person Masquerade closes at 23:59 EST on Wednesday, 15 December 2021.

Please visit our [Masquerade](#) page for more details. We encourage you to send questions to masquerade@discon3.org whenever necessary.



 **Glasgow in 2024**
A Worldcon For Our Futures

Glasgow is a vibrant city filled with science fiction, fantasy and inventiveness, and our team aims to bring our love of these to our Bid to host the 82nd Worldcon. Our venue, the Scottish Event Campus, has seen much growth with new onsite hotels and restaurants, and will serve as a hub for a fantastic Worldcon. Join us as we bring all our futures together in one great celebration!

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2021 Hugo Awards Voting

The deadline for voting is 19 November 2021, 23:59 Pacific Standard Time (November 20th at 02:59 Eastern Standard Time, 07:59 Greenwich Mean Time, and 20:59 New Zealand Daylight Time).

Please go to our [Members Portal](#) and sign in to generate a link to access your Hugo ballot. As a member, you also have the option of using a paper ballot. [Download the paper ballot here](#). If you think you have a membership but can't access your membership, please contact [DisCon III Registration](#).

You are entitled to access the 2021 Hugo Voters packet — a free download of materials from this year's Hugo Award finalists — through our Members Portal.

Advertising in *Dispatches from DeeCee Issue 7*

As we approach the event horizon of DisCon III, we will publish this member newsletter more frequently. Issue 7 will be released in September 2021.

We offer free quarter-page ad space in our newsletter to promote your convention or fannish activity. Dimensions are 7.5-in. x 2.5-in. or 3.75-in. x 5-in. in pdf, psd, tif, png, gif, or jpeg format. Send your color or grayscale ad for Issue 7 to advertising@discon3.org by 20 September 2021.

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