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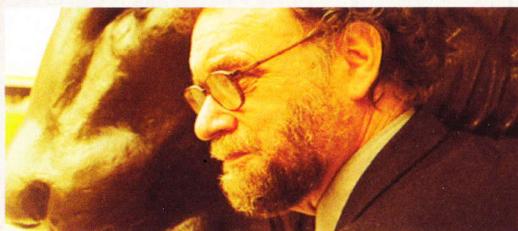
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We look forward to hearing from you!

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MIDAMERICON II

THE 74TH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION



KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 17-21, 2016**

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MIDAMERICON II

THE 74TH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

The annual World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”) started in 1939 as a small gathering of genre enthusiasts and has evolved into one of the premier science fiction and fantasy gatherings in the world. Our focus continues to be on providing a convention run by fans for fans rather than trying to become the largest or most commercial genre convention. Worldcons are hosted by different committees and in different locations each year, so they are influenced by the geographical area in which they are held as well as the set of volunteers running the convention, who are in turn influenced by previous Worldcons.

MidAmeriCon II will be hosting the Hugo Awards and a Masquerade and showcasing other traditional aspects of Worldcon, as well as providing special exhibits and events. Diverse and interesting programming and workshops will include topics ranging from fiction and writing to politics and science. Past program participants have included Nobel Prize winners, astronauts, scientists, writers, costumers, editors, gamers, publishers, artists, filmmakers, and genre fans. MidAmeriCon II is bringing together 40 years of its own fannish history to create a truly memorable and exciting Worldcon for you! Our experience, facilities, and staff will produce a one-of-a-kind convention that you can both attend and participate in. For information about volunteering and more about the convention, check out our website.

MidAmeriCon II looks forward to welcoming you not only to Kansas City but also to Worldcon. Come be a part of history, you’re going to have a great time!

**FOR MORE INFO, CHECK US OUT ONLINE!
MIDAMERICON2.ORG**

Location

Kansas City, MO, is centrally located in the US, which means you can easily get there by plane, train, or automobile; its location is especially convenient for the large populations of fans in easy driving distance. The international airport (MCI) is only a 20-minute drive from the convention center and hotels. The train station is only 1.5 miles away

Facilities

We are thrilled to be using the Kansas City Convention Center and Bartle Hall for MidAmeriCon II in 2016! The convention center is fully ADA compliant and a leader in Green policies (LEED Silver certified). All of our hotel space is within two blocks of the convention center. Our main hotel is the Kansas City Marriott Downtown (which is also home to ConQueST 46) and is connected to the convention center. Our site is located in the Power & Light District, which features many restaurants and entertainment venues.

Hotels

Our hotel rates start as low as \$129 a night plus tax, and our hotel block includes major brands like Marriott, Hilton, IHG, and Stash, so you can use or earn reward points! Our hotels each have on-site dining and are conveniently located within two blocks of the convention center.

Drive Times

- Chicago, IL: 7.5 hours
- Dallas, TX: 8 hours
- Des Moines, IA: 3 hours
- Louisville, KY: 7.5 hours
- Memphis, TN: 7 hours
- Minneapolis, MN: 6.5 hours
- Oklahoma City, OK: 5 hours
- Omaha/Lincoln NE: 3 hrs

Recent Airfares

- Beijing: \$1,808
- Boston: \$362
- Chicago: \$214
- Dallas: \$250
- London: \$1,424
- Los Angeles: \$419
- Melbourne: \$1,548
- Seattle: \$379

WORLDCON FAQ

Q. What Is Worldcon?

The World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”) is an international gathering of the science fiction and fantasy community. The first Worldcon was held in 1939, and the event has been annual since 1946, with the location changing each year. Attendees come from all over the world, and in the last decade the convention has been held on four different continents.

Q. Why Is It Called a Membership and Not a Ticket?

Each World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”) is funded by memberships and supported by its members that given year. Membership in this event entitles you to partake in all the features of that Worldcon. In addition, members participate in the program. All program participants except our Guests of Honor and non-genre special guests buy memberships in the convention, as do all of our committee members.

Your Attending membership covers not only convention programming but also events like the Hugo Awards Ceremony and the Masquerade as well as entry to a special Exhibits Hall, viewing and bidding on genre art in the Art Show, receiving the publications the Worldcon produces, and enjoying the many other services a Worldcon provides. It also allows you to nominate and vote in the Hugo Awards. It is your voice that decides who gets nominated and who wins!

Your presence helps make every Worldcon unique and different and your support will help us deliver a fantastic event covering the many different areas of science fiction and fantasy fandom.

Your membership is a key that opens the door to the wonder and tradition of Worldcon. Come and join us, we’ve been expecting you!

