



Voice of the Echidna

The newsletter of Aussiecon 4
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Best Novel

[Tie for first place]

The City & The City by China Miéville (Del Rey; Macmillan UK)

The Windup Girl by Paolo Bacigalupi (Night Shade)

Best Novella

"Palimpsest" by Charles Stross (*Wireless*; Ace; Orbit)

Best Novellette

"The Island" by Peter Watts (*The New Space Opera 2*; Eos)

Best Short Story

"Bridesicle" by Will McIntosh (*Asimov's* 1/09)

Best Related Work

This is Me, Jack Vance! (Or, More Properly, This is "I") by Jack Vance (Subterranean)

Best Graphic Story

Girl Genius, Volume 9: Agatha Heterodyne and the Heirs of the Storm Written by Kaja and Phil Foglio; Art by Phil Foglio; Colours by Cheyenne Wright (Airship Entertainment)

Best Dramatic Presentation - Long Form

Moon Screenplay by Nathan Parker; Story by Duncan Jones; Directed by Duncan Jones (Liberty Films)

Best Dramatic Presentation - Short Form

Doctor Who: "The Waters of Mars" Written by Russell T Davies & Phil Ford; Directed by Graeme Harper (BBC Wales)

Best Editor, Long Form

Patrick Nielsen Hayden

Best Editor, Short Form

Ellen Datlow

Best Professional Artist

Shaun Tan

Best Semiprozine

Clarkesworld edited by Neil Clarke, Sean Wallace, & Cheryl Morgan

Best Fan Writer

Frederik Pohl

Best Fanzine

StarShipSofa edited by Tony C. Smith

Best Fan Artist

Brad W. Foster

The John W Campbell Award for Best New Writer
Seanan McGuire



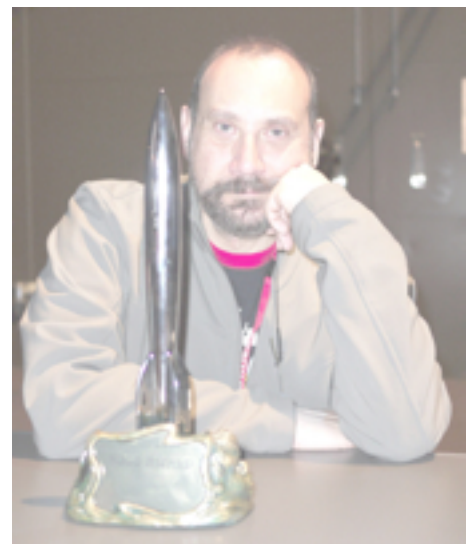
HUGO AWARD™

Hugo Base Design

This year's Hugo Award base was designed and sculpted by

Nick Stathopoulos

and was designed as a fusing of Art Nouveau with Aboriginal creation stories.



Hugo Stats

After the record number of Hugo Nominations, we had high hopes about the voting numbers and we are pleased to announce that there were 1094 valid Hugo Voting Ballots.

This total is the highest since the 2000 Worldcon, and second highest since 1988.

It also means that over 40% of Aussiecon 4's Attending and Supporting members participated in the vote, which is itself a record since the 1970's: in recent years 20% has been more typical.

— Vincent Docherty

First Fandom

The First Fandom awards are voted by members of First Fandom for lifetimes of service to SF fandom. This year, three fans were added to the Hall of Fame:

- First Fandom Hall of Fame - Terry Jeeves and Joe Martino (tied)
- Posthumous Hall of Fame - Ray Cummings

Beer!

Young & Jackson's pub, at the corner of Swanson and Flinders Streets across the road from the station, has a good range of beers on the ground floor. Upstairs, they are featuring Bridge Road Brewery's beers, and upstairs again is a cider bar.

Diagonally across the road and 200 yards further up Flinders Street is Beer De Luxe, with many more good ales.

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Gambling!

James Styles has a Crown Casino Mahogany Room guest pass: if you'd like to see how the high-rollers get treated, track him down!

Chicago Correction

You can convert or join in Office 201 (the Con Office), not at the bottom of the escalator as previously announced.

Tomorrow's Weather Today

Monday is forecast to be showery, again. Highs of around 15°C, chilly first thing but a warm evening. Moist.

Overheard in the corridor

"Getting the Grand Master made up for all the Hugo losses."

— R Silverberg

Hospitality Events

Events run from 2100 to 0100, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

- Chicago in 2012 (Corporate Left)
- Brotherhood Without Banners (Corporate Right)
- Hugo Reception (Bridge)

Art News

Michele Ellington has an early afternoon flight out tomorrow: please come to the Art Show before noon on Monday to secure purchases.

Shaun Tan's art can be paid for and picked up at 1400 on Monday. If you need to pay and pick up before this time, please make arrangements with the Art Show Director.

The Art Show Awards are as follows:

- Best SF: *Sky Burial #1* by Wayne Haag
- Most Humorous: *Sales Pitch* by Kathleen Jennings
- Most Stylish: *SF Adventure* by Naoyuki Katoh
- Best 3D: *Mask of Odin* by Annette Schneider
- Best Miniature: *T is for Trilobite* by Marilyn Pride
- Special Award For Overall Excellence in a Body of Work: Shaun Tan

— Jannie Shea

Fame At Last!

Fuzzy Logic Science Show looking for interesting people to interview for a science radio podcast available at FuzzyLogicOn2xx.Podbean.com.

Call Rod Taylor on 0419 217 293 to volunteer.

Old Photos

Stephen Royland photos from the 1983 Worldcon are available to view online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLCjtOHmq4s

Haven't You Had Enough To Eat, Yet?

Spit!

A \$10 taxi ride from the Hilton took us to Spitiki at 270 Park Street, South Melbourne. There was live music on Friday night (and likely on Saturday). It's closed on Sunday, but Monday and Tuesday should be quieter. The food was excellent. We had kolokithakia and tzatziki for starters, and tender lemony lamb souvlaki and falling-off-the-bone roast lamb for mains. Our bill for two, including drinks, was \$80 (but we could have selected something cheaper).

— Mary Morman

Swallow!

I wandered over to the Docklands area and had dinner at the Central Pier there, targeting Va Bene (in Shed 9, halfway down the pier, past all the boats): vabenepizzeria.com. Nice place for larger parties with tables and benches, and it also seemed to be more friendly to quiet conversation than the last few restaurants I visited, despite being geared towards younger clientele. Anyhow, enjoyed a nice-sized pizza Zucca. It's probable easier to get there by tram (Circle tram passes there, probably Stadium Precinct stop), as the walking route wasn't very obvious in the dark and wet!

— Jan van't Ent

Echidna's Got Talent

When a female echidna is nearly ready to mate, she begins emitting pheromones that are irresistible to the males. She does so for over a month, while a train of wanton suitors develops behind her. She wanders around, followed by them, until the day when she finally chooses one, at which point she's probably very confused by the fact that her mate of choice has a four-headed penis.

A Limerick

(That's what the submission said!)

*They seek him here
They seek him there
Those Trekkies seek him everywhere
Is he in heaven?
Is he in hell?
That demmed elusive Harlan El!*

Membership Stats

At the close of Saturday, there were 1649 pre-registered members on site, as well as 63 walk-ins so far. 142 Saturday Day Memberships were sold.

Masquerade Thanks

We'd like to thank the following people, who stepped in at the last minute to make the Masquerade possible:

- Masquerade Director: Sandra Battye
- Den Moms/Green Room/Repairs: Rebecca Tinkham and Jane Tisell
- Stage Managers: Lori Meltzer and Morris Keenan
- Stage Ninjas/Catchers/Helpers: Juan Sanmiguel, Wodja and others
- Gopher to the Director and the Judges: Linda van der Pal
- Order of Presentation/Judges' Clerk: Suford Lewis

Plus others I am sure: we were too busy to take names!

— Suford Lewis

This issue was produced by Flick, locked in the traditional basement with Jan van't Ent. Masthead by Sue Mason.

Gosh, that was a dramatic Best Novel result!

We're following #whatever and #thingie on Twitter and Flickr.

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