

Lunacon 1997

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March 7-9, 1997

Rye Town Hilton Hotel, Rye Brook, NY

Lunacon '97
Hotel Reservation Form
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Mail to: The Rye Town Hilton
699 Westchester Avenue
Rye Brook, NY 10573
1-914-939-6300

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

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Arrival date/time _____ Departure date: _____

Room Type (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single: \$92 | <input type="checkbox"/> Triple (two double beds): \$108 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double (one king-size bed): \$98 | <input type="checkbox"/> Quad (two double beds): \$108 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twin (two double beds): \$98 | |

Floor Type: Smoking Non-Smoking Party Non-Party

Special requests: _____

Reservations will be held until 6 pm unless guaranteed for late arrival by a deposit check for the first night's stay, or by one of the following credit cards:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Express | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa | <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard |
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Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Make checks or money orders payable to THE RYE TOWN HILTON.

Do not send cash through the mail!

Notes: Room rates quoted above do not include local taxes.
Check-in time is 3 pm, check-out time is 1 pm.
Reservations must be received by February 14, 1997.
To avoid duplication, please submit only one reservation form for rooms shared by two or more people.
Suites are available only upon written request to the Convention Committee. Any suites arranged directly are subject to cancellation.

Writer Guest of Honor:

C.J. CHERRYH

C.J. Cherryh writes hard SF books such as the *Cyteen* trilogy and the *Chanur* series, and high fantasy like her recently published *Fortress in the Eye of Time*.

Her efforts have garnered three Hugo awards, a John W. Campbell Award, and a Locus Award, plus nominations for the Nebula, for more Hugos, and an assortment of other awards.

Before turning to free-lance writing, C.J. got a B.A. in Latin and an M.A. in Classics, and has taught Latin, Greek, and Ancient History. She has also been Alpha Delta Lambda and Phi Beta Kappa, and the recipient of a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in Classics.

When she isn't writing, C.J. travels, plays guitar and composes, weaves, paints, sculpts, and photographs. Lunacon is proud to have lured this popular author out of Oklahoma -- and it's not even tornado season!

Artist Guest of Honor:

DAVID A. CHERRY

David Cherry was a classical scholar as an undergraduate, majoring in Latin. His graduate studies were in law, but after eight years as a lawyer, he gave it up for art, and since 1984, the law's loss has been SF art's gain.

By 1986, he had received two Chesley Awards from the Association of Science Fiction Artists, and in 1987, a book, *Imagination: the Art and Technique of David A. Cherry* was published. That

book got a Hugo nomination in 1988, and David got a nomination as Best Professional Artist.

David Cherry's artwork has decorated the books of authors like Stephen R. Donaldson, Poul Anderson, David Brin, Judith Tarr, Spider Robinson, and, coincidentally, those of C.J.Cherryh, who happens to be his sister. Their names are spelled differently in order to avoid being mistaken for each other.

Media Guest of Honor:

MICHAEL O'HARE

Best known to SF fans for his role as Commander Jeffrey Sinclair on the Hugo-Award winning TV series *Babylon 5*, Michael O'Hare has a broad and varied acting career.

Born in Chicago, he began as a student of literature at Harvard, and later switched to acting, training at the Julliard School.

He has acted in leading roles on Broadway, playing Col. Jessup in *A Few Good Men*. Other major roles included playing opposite Fred Gwynne in *Players*, with George Grizzard and Philip Bosco in *Shaw's Man and Superman*, and in *Galileo*.

His TV work includes roles in *A Case of Force*, *Rage of Angels*, and *Fly Away Home*, as well as roles in *The Cosby Show*, and *T.J. Hooker*. His most recent role was in Europe in the film *By a Thread*.

His appearance at Lunacon is contingent upon his professional commitments.

Fan Guest of Honor:

MICHAEL J. WALSH

Mike is a long-time fan with a nearly 30 year involvement with SF. He began his involvement with fandom with an exchange of postcards with well-known writer Jack Chalker, who was then proprietor of small publisher Mirage Press. That correspondence led to Mike attending meetings of WSFA, the Washington, DC SF Association.

In the following years, Mike put in time as President, Vice President, and Trustee of WSFA, founder of the WSFA Press, Chair of ConStellation, the 1983 WorldCon, and of several Disclaves. Most recently he chaired a World Fantasy Convention.

Mike now has his own small press -- Old Earth Books. He has published Alan Steele's two collections, and reprinted H. Beam Piper's first novel and two of James White's novels. His current projects are a trade paperback reissue of E. E. Smith's classic *Lensman* series, and a collection of Patricia Anthony's short fiction for next year's Disclave.

Programming:

Lunacon has traditionally had strong programming, with efforts in a variety of different areas. Program Director Lucy Schmeidler tells us that this year's theme is "*Inter-species Communication and Conflict*".

This fits in nicely with the work of Writer GOH C. J. Cherryh, in stories like her *Chanur* series, and Media GOH Michael O'Hare's role on *Babylon 5*, as Commander of a space station meant as a center of trade and diplomacy among an

assortment of not always friendly alien races.

Among others, Lucy expects participation by Catherine Asaro, Jill Bauman, N. Taylor Blanchard, Michael Burstein, Hal Clement, Michael Flynn, Esther Friesner, Roberta Gellis, Robert Greenberger, David M. Harris, Jael, Jacqueline Lichtenberg, Victoria Lisi, Barry Malzberg, Charles Pellegrino, Andrew Porter, Christopher Rowley, Darrelln Schweitzer, Josepha Sherman, and Susan Shwartz.

We'll have speeches, panels, slide shows, presentations, readings, workshops, and whatever special items Lucy has to surprise us. Join us and see what she has done

Masquerade:

We're going to have one again this year and Susan de Guardiola and her technical wizards will run it with their customary élan.

The Masquerade will be on Saturday night. It will be run on a Skill Division System, with separate divisions for Novice, Journeyman, Craftsman and Master-level costumers. There will also be a division for young fans (under 13) to have a moment in the spotlight. Costumes may be made by the child or by a parent. We will have photos available on Sunday for people who wish to order copies.

Registration for the Masquerade will be at-the-con only. Stop by the Masquerade Registration table early to pick up rules and entry forms. For advance copies of the rules or to volunteer to help, write to our PO Box, attn.: Masquerade. Hall costumes are welcome at Lunacon. Judges will be roaming the convention anonymously to award ribbons for

Outstanding Hall Costumes. Winners will receive special certificates and be photographed for display on our Winner's Board, for all to admire. Any Masquerade costume involving weapons of any kind must have the prior approval of the Masquerade Director.

Please remember that nudity is not a costume. Cover revealing costumes in the public areas of the hotel, such as the bar, restaurants and lobby.

Weapons:

No Weapons of any kind are permitted.

Regency Dancing:

If you don't know how to dance the gavotte, John Hertz will teach you. The Regency Dance is scheduled for Friday evening at 9 PM to allow you time to get settled in and to put on your dancing shoes -- ruffled shirts are optional.

Animé (Japanese animation:)

Lunacon's 15th annual Animé Video Program will feature a unmatched mix of recent translations, old favorites and the latest titles to arrive in this country. Japanese videos will be dubbed or subtitled in English, or be accompanied by narrators providing running commentary.

Art Show & Print Shop:

Lunacon has one of the finest science fiction and fantasy art shows around. This year's show will feature the work of David Cherry, our Artist Guest of Honor, as well as other well-known, obscure and novice artists in the genre.

We will have original artwork by about one hundred artists and a large Print Shop where inexpensive reproductions may be bought. Here's your chance to

pick up -- cheap! -- the next David Cherry.

If you want to show your art in the show, please send us a letter at the Convention Post Office Box and we will send you the necessary forms.

Book Exhibit & Raffle:

Want to win hundreds of dollars' worth of books? Our Book Exhibit will feature a wide assortment of books by prominent SF/fantasy authors, free magazine subscriptions, role-playing games and computer software ... all donated by their publishers, and all to be raffled off.

Proceeds from the Raffle will go to the Lunarians' Donald And Elsie Wollheim Memorial Scholarship Fund, which helps beginning SF and fantasy writers from the New York metropolitan area attend the Clarion or Clarion West science fiction and fantasy writers workshops.

When you buy a Raffle ticket, not only may you win a bundle of books, but you'll help a fellow fan become your favorite pro writer of tomorrow!

We will also hold a special auction at the convention to benefit the Scholarship Fund. If you want to donate an item for the auction, please send it to:

*Donald and Elsie Wollheim Memorial
Scholarship Fund
c/o NYSFS - the Lunarians, Inc.
847A Second Avenue, Suite 234
New York, NY 10017-2945*

Popular items for the Auction include signed books and manuscripts, and artwork. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Con Suite:

When you're tired of buying things from dealers or listening to programming or just want to put up your feet and chat with friends, drop by and relax for a moment -- or come by in the evening for one of the best convention parties you've been to!

Lunacon's Con Suite is a place to relax during the hustle and bustle. Sip, snack, and schmooze, and join us Sunday morning for bagels and cream cheese.

If you have special dietary requirements, such as lactose or sucrose intolerance, please contact our Con Suite Director in advance so she can provide for you. Drop a note to Becky Kaplowitz c/o the PO Box.

Parties:

After scheduled events have shut down for the night, it's party time! Many people at Lunacon will be hosting parties to which all convention attendees are invited. Check the Convention Newszine and Bulletin Board for times and locations.

Please note that open parties may not serve alcoholic beverages, and will be asked to close if they do. Also remember that New York State's legal drinking age is 21. The Hotel will be enforcing this law. All parties *MUST* be held in designated party areas only. Parties in other areas will be closed down.

Dealer's Room:

Our usual two Dealer's Rooms offer an diverse selection of goods from filk tapes to jewelry, from T-shirts to stuffed animals, and from nostalgic videotapes to

the latest new books - both paperback and hardcover - and used book bargains. This year you can triple your pleasure as we add a third room for greater variety.

If you wish to be included on future Dealer's Room mailing lists, please write us at the Convention PO Box.

Filksinging:

Filk is the music of fandom. While normally parodies set to popular tunes, filk music can be moving and original as well.

This year, we are holding a filk contest on the theme of *Interspecies Communication and Conflict*. There will be a prize ribbon for the winner, and a possible performance at the Lunacon Masquerade. If you are interested in competing, please contact:

Lunacon Filk Contest
c/o Judith Dinowitz
3501 Ave K
Brooklyn, NY 11210
(718) 951-3235

or via Email to:

jdinowit@ant.net

Our filk program will include workshops and panel discussions, as well as the traditional nightly filksings that run into the wee small hours.

Gaming:

Our veteran gaming directors, Dave and Wendy Stern, always surprise us with original and offbeat items. They are planning RPGA modules, both Living City and non-Living City, and two open deck and possibly a sealed deck Magic tournament.

Also, the Amazing Science Fiction and Horror Trivia Game will return with demos and a live game, as well as *To Rescue a Prince*, an AD&D variant for mature experienced role-players.

Live Action Role Playing:

The year is 1304. You are in the fortified city of York. King Edward the First of England is dead. The Lords of Scotland see an opportunity and conspire. So do the vampires, as Ventrue Prince Mithras loses control in England. The events that will lead to the War of the Roses and the Hundred Years War are shaped. Your character may be pivotal to the outcome....

This year's Lunacon features a Dark Ages Vampire game, based on the America On-line ongoing campaign *York*. If you are interested in participating, contact Ronnie Katz, through the convention PO Box, or at Ronnie@eccs.com. Period costuming is *mandatory!*

Internet Room:

We'll be setting up multiple terminals connected through one of the local access providers to put you on-line to browse the World Wide Web. This year we expect to add some color terminals. If the Internet is new to you, this is your chance to learn about it. If you're already familiar with it, you can hang out, play with network features and discover neat new things.

Radio Room:

WBAI's Jim Freund will be presenting some of the best SF from both contemporary and historical radio, featuring selections from the *New York*

Review of Science Fiction's acclaimed reading series at Dixon Place.

Member Services:

Our member services area is where you can buy Lunacon T-shirts and other memorabilia, drop off items for the popular Lunacon newsletter and find out what you want to know about the convention. If you have questions, comments, or problems while at the convention, stop by Member Services. If they can't help you, they can direct you to someone who can.

Other Fan Groups:

As a service to the fannish community, Lunacon is making tables available to bids, and other conventions and clubs for promotional purposes. Stop by sometime during the convention; they'll be glad to chat with you. If your group would like to set up a table at Lunacon, please drop us a note at the PO Box.

Staff:

Lunacon is run entirely by volunteers. We depend on people like you to help make the convention a success and we can use assistance everywhere.

We particularly need help Thursday afternoon/night for convention move-in and art show set-up, and Sunday night for art show tear-down and convention move-out. Extra time credit will be given to anyone who helps out on Thursday or Sunday evenings.

Volunteers will be fed in our Staff Den. Those who assist a sufficient number of hours will receive a special T-shirt (with art by David Cherry), and those who serve above and beyond the call of duty will get membership refunds. If you

want to help, check the box on your registration form or sign up at the convention.

Registration:

Lunacon '97 memberships are available at the following rates:

Adult: \$33 through February 8, 1997
\$44 at the door

Children: (6-12)
\$16.50 through February 8, 1997
\$22 at the door

Children: (under 6)
Free

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. A limited amount of baby-sitting will be available; please see the section on Child Care for information. Children over 12 and under 18 must provide a parental release form waiving any liability of Lunacon '97 if they are attending unaccompanied.

Please fill out the enclosed Registration Form, and mail it with a check, money order or completed credit card information (including your signature) to the convention address, attn.:
Registration.

Memberships may also be purchased in advance at Science Fiction, Mysteries & More!, a bookstore located at 140 Chambers St. (off West Broadway) in Lower Manhattan (212-385 8798). Make your checks drawn on a US bank or money order in US dollars payable to LUNACON '97. Do not send cash through the mail.

A receipt will be mailed to you. Please bring your receipt or identification to Lunacon to help have proper ID. For your convenience, we will also be accepting Visa and MasterCard.

Refunds will not be given, but a membership may be transferred upon receipt of a written request from the current holder of the membership.

Registration hours:

Friday 3:30 PM to 10 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM to ? PM

Signs posted in the hotel lobby will direct you to Lunacon Registration. Try to be able to read them.

If any mailing information on this progress report is inaccurate, please let us know as soon as possible. If you move during the coming year, please send us your new address so that you may continue to receive information on Lunacon.

Program Book Ads:

The LUNACON '97 PROGRAM BOOK will be 8 1/2" x 11", featuring a color cover by David A. Cherry, photos and articles about our Guests of Honor, and other items of interest. If you wish to place an advertisement in this year's Program Book, write to the Convention PO Box for a rate card.

Child Care:

Want to do something without the kids? Lunacon has contracted with a professional service to provide child care. The rate is tentatively \$4 an hour, up to a maximum of \$50 per child.

Children will be provided with supervision, juice and healthy snacks, but not meals. Parents are asked to provide toys, diapers, etc. Child care tickets will be sold in the Convention Office. You must register in advance.

Child Care Hours:

Friday 4 PM to 11 PM

Saturday 10 AM to Midnight

Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM

REMINDER: All children must be registered with the convention, and must at all times be under the supervision of an adult or in the Lunacon Child Care area.

Hotel Information:

Lunacon '97 will take place at the Rye Town Hilton, 699 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook, NY, in Westchester County, just north of New York City. The Port Chester and Rye stops on Metro-North's New Haven line are the closest train stations. The hotel offers two restaurants, an indoor pool, a health club, plenty of parking and, we have been told, rooms.

Special room rates (per night) for Lunacon are: \$92 for a Single, \$98 for a Double (one king-size bed) or Twin (two double beds), \$108 for a Triple or Quad (two double beds); these rates do not include taxes. There are also a limited number of suites available. If you are interested in one, please write Lunacon - *not the hotel* - as soon as possible.

The hotel accepts American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Carte Blanche, Diners Club and Discover cards. When registering, you may request smoking or non-smoking floors, party or non-party areas.

You may register using the form we've provided or by phoning the hotel at 1-914-939-6300. Be sure to mention Lunacon to receive our special room rates.

Under New York State law, no one under the age of 18 may rent a room. An

exception may be made if an adult accepts responsibility for all costs associated with the room in a signed and dated letter that includes a photocopy of both sides of a major credit card.

There are several places to eat in the area, and stores to supply all your needs.

Directions:

By Car

From the South:

Take I-87, or the Hutchinson River Pkwy, or the Saw Mill River Pkwy north to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expwy) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester Ave. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance;

...or take I-95 North to Exit 21, Rye. Go west on I-287 to Exit 10 (Bowman Ave./Webb Ave.). Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance.

From the North:

Take I-95 south to Exit 21 (Rye, Cross Westchester Expwy). Go west on I-287 to Exit 10. Make a right at the second traffic light, then go three more traffic lights and turn left into the hotel entrance;

...or take I-87, or the Merritt Pkwy, or the Saw Mill River Pkwy, or I-684 south to I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expwy) to Exit 10 (Routes 120, 120A, Port Chester). Stay to the left, following the signs to Port Chester. Go under the highway and you are on Westchester

Ave. At the fourth traffic light, turn left into the hotel entrance.

From West of the Hudson River:

All major highways intersect with I-87. Go east on I-87/I-287 over the Tappan Zee Bridge and stay on I-287 east (Cross Westchester Expwy) and continue as above under "From the South".

Via Rail

Take the Metro-North New Haven Line Local from Grand Central Station to the Rye or Port Chester stations. The hotel will be running a complimentary shuttle service to and from both stations, coordinated with the train schedule.

The #13 Westchester bus runs from the Port Chester Station and the hotel. Check with the Westchester Dept. of Transportation at 1-914-682-2020 for the latest schedules and fares.

A taxi from the train station to the hotel is currently about \$10.

Via Bus

Buses are available from various points in Westchester and the Bronx. For current fares and schedules, contact the Westchester Dept. of Transportation at 1-914-682-2020.

Keeping In Touch:

By Mail:

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Post Office Box 3566
New York, NY 10008-3566

By E-Mail:

lunacon@lunacon.org

You may reach our On-line Liaison, Robert Rosenberg, directly, via rosenberg@aol.com.

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Post Office Box 3566
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Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Badge Name: _____

Is this your first Lunacon? Yes No

New address since your last Lunacon? Yes No

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ membership(s) at \$33 each.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ children aged 6-12 membership(s) at \$16.50 each.

Payment method: Check Money order Visa MasterCard

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

If you are buying more than one membership for people at the same address, please list the additional names below. If the additional memberships are for people at different addresses, please list their names and addresses on a separate sheet of paper.

I want to volunteer to help run Lunacon '97. I would like to work in the following area(s):

I would like information about the New York Science Fiction Society -I'm Craaaaaazy.

Notes: Please make your checks drawn on a U.S. bank or money orders payable in U.S. dollars to Lunacon '97, or complete the above credit card information, including your signature.
Do not send cash through the mail!
Please mail this form no later than February 8, 1997. All children, regardless of age, must be registered with the Convention, and be accompanied by accompanied by an adult. Please include the ages, as of March 7, 1997, of all children.

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