

Minicon 41

April 14-16, 2006

PO Box 8297, Lake Street Station,
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Please send me information about:

- Program Participation
- Exhibition in Art Show
- Hucksters' Room tables

Registration Instructions:

To register for Minicon 41, fill out this form and send it along with a check or money order to the address shown above. Make checks out to Minicon 41. -- NO CASH PLEASE! --

Minicon Membership* Type: **Until March 17th, 2006** **At the Door**

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| Attending _____ | \$45.00 | _____ | \$55.00 |
| Child Attending (6-12) _____ | \$15.00 | _____ | \$15.00 |
| <small>(to participate in children's programming)</small> | | | |
| Child (5 and Under) _____ | FREE | _____ | FREE |
| Supporting _____ | \$15.00 | _____ | \$15.00 |

If you live outside the United States you may send your registration form now, and pay the preregistration rate in U.S. dollars at the door.
*Memberships are transferable, but are not refundable. At-the-Door transfers may incur a \$5 badge-replacement charge.
†Supporting Memberships may be converted at the door to attending Memberships for \$35.

PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING CHILD (6-12) CHILD (5 & under) SUPPORTING

First Name _____ Middle Initial / Name _____ Last Name _____

Badge Name _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State / Province _____ ZIP / Postal Code _____

Country (if not USA) _____ E-mail Address _____

Phone Number (optional) _____ I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING! _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING CHILD (6-12) CHILD (5 & under) SUPPORTING

First Name _____ Middle Initial / Name _____ Last Name _____

Badge Name _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State / Province _____ ZIP / Postal Code _____

Country (if not USA) _____ E-mail Address _____

Phone Number (optional) _____ I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING! _____

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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(Easter Weekend)

PROGRESS REPORT 2

Guest of Honor Harlan Ellison®
 Artist Guest of Honor John Picacio
 Fan Guest of Honor Doug Friauf

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

\$45.00 until March 17th, 2006
\$55.00 at the Door

Sheraton Bloomington South
(Formerly the Radisson South)

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:

March 15th, 2006

mnstf.org/minicon41/

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Deadline for Minicon Hotel rate is March 15. Please make your reservations before that date.

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
(Formerly the Radisson South)
7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55439
Rates : Single thru Quad \$82.00 plus tax
Poolside Cabana \$92.00 plus tax

You can book regular rooms on the Minicon website under “Hotel” or call the Sheraton at 952-835-7800 or their toll-free number 1-800-325-3535.

Cabanas - For only \$10 a night more than a standard room you can have a poolside cabana. We’re hoping you’ll host a party if you do take a cabana, but it’s not required. We will run a list of parties if you can provide details in advance.

Registration – You can still get the \$45.00 pre-registration rate if your membership is postmarked by March 17. There is a registration form included with this progress report. After that the rate will be \$55.00, available only at the door.

If you sent in your registration **before December**, check the label on this PR. It should indicate ATND for Attending, SUPP for Supporting, or CHLD for Child. If not, email registration@minicon.mnstrf.org, or contact us via the Minicon PO Box.

We’re still processing registrations from December and January, so don’t panic if you registered later and the label doesn’t indicate that you’re registered. Between now and the convention, everyone who pre-registers will receive a confirmation, either by email or via the post office. Things will run more smoothly if you bring your confirmation to Minicon.

Volunteers - Minicon is an all-volunteer convention. We need your help! If you would like to help out in any way before, during, or after the convention, please contact greg@dreamhavenbooks.com. Volunteers will receive incentives, including free books, prizes and more.

Writers’ Workshop - This will held at 10am Friday. We will have small sessions of 4 or 5 participants, each hosted by a local writer. Participants must contact Lisa Freitag in advance (lfreitag@visi.com), and must be registered for Minicon. Participants will critique each others’ work, Clarion-style. Please submit five (5) copies of either a short story or a chapter of a novel (less than 7500 words, with standard double-spaced, 10-12 point, New York or Times type). **Manuscripts must be received by March 22.** Send your five copies to: Minicon Writer’s Workshop, DreamHaven Books, 912 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Charity Auction - We’ve not yet chosen a charity, but will be accepting suggestions from attendees. We are looking for donations of materials that we can offer at auction. If you have some fannish items (fanzines, artwork, etc.) or books, posters, or miscellany, we would be delighted to offer them at the auction. This will coincide with the art auction.

Blood Drive – Give the gift of life! The Heinlein Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the convention, from noon to 4pm on Saturday, April 15. A special pin designed by Robert A. Heinlein for the blood drive at MidAmericon in 1976 will be given to each contributor, as well as a goody bag with books and things. To help us know how many to expect, please pre-register at: www.heinleinsociety.org/blooddrives/bloodconform.html

Programming - Minicon has been known for its spirited and thought-provoking program. We also have a lot of fun. If you have programming ideas or would like to participate on the program, contact Rachel Kronick (rachel-kronick@jiawen.net).

Art Show - The art show is open to flat art as well as 3-D works. If you are interested in displaying your work, please contact David Wilford (wilfordd@hotmail.com). We do accept mail-in work but you must have a Minicon supporting membership (\$15.00).

An Evening with Harlan Ellison - Thursday, April 13, at 7pm, we will host an event with Harlan Ellison in the 2nd floor ballroom at the Sheraton. He will read, talk, and answer questions. He’s articulate, funny, annoying, thought-provoking, and always entertaining. This event is open to the public. Admission is \$10.00 (free with Minicon badge).

Films – We will have a limited schedule of films, each followed by a discussion. We hope to show *Forbidden Planet* and *A Boy and His Dog* (based on the story by Harlan; he will participate in the discussion). And there will be some surprises.

Music - Nate Bucklin is accepting requests from musicians who would like to do concert slots at Minicon. We have one-hour, half-hour, and one or two song (open stage) slots on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. Please let him know if you will need more than four microphones. Contact him at 612-827-7121 (evenings/weekends) or 612-373-5512 (weekday afternoons).

Dealers Room -The Dealers Room is sold out. To be placed on the waiting list or contacted for next year, contact Lisa Freitag (lfreitag@visi.com).

Hospitality - We are fortunate to have Joel and Beth Phillips hosting our Hospitality Suite again. Expect plenty of good food, drink and conversation. If you would like to help out with hospitality, contact Joel at 612-720-7996.

If you would like to host a party, we have special rates on the poolside cabanas, which are on the way to the con suite. A party list should appear on our website before the convention.

If you have other questions or concerns, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Greg Ketter at greg@dreamhavenbooks.com

We hope to see you there!