



MINICON 44

Mainstream by guest Stephan Martiniere, 2008 Hugo Awardee



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Guests - two-time Aurora awardee author  
**Karl Schroeder**, 2008 Hugo awardee  
artist **Stephan Martiniere**, and  
Klumpke-Roberts awardee scientist  
**Seth Shostak** of the SETI Institute

Registration - \$40 for adults and \$25 for  
students until 11/15. Go online or see  
inside for the paper method.

Hotel - the group rate is available until  
3/19. Book on our site or call the hotel  
at 952.835.7800 and mention Minicon.

• see inside for details and fun stuff •



Hey Fan!

You are receiving this letter because we want YOU! For what you ask? You are expressly and personally invited to MINICON 44! Please consider your excellent self warmly welcome at our 44th Minicon.

Progress Report 1 has a new face this year, namely we are using email as available. You are receiving a postcard because we lack your current email address. If you'd like to remedy this (save a tree!), email: [request@minicon44.mnsthf.org](mailto:request@minicon44.mnsthf.org)

**Karl Schroeder** - <http://www.kschroeder.com>

Karl has written several SF novels, most recently *Queen of Candescence* and *Pirate Sun*. He is a two-time Aurora Award winner for *Permanence* and "The Toy Mill", a short story with David Nickle. A number of his works are available for download on his site. Free books?! Yes indeed. Sayeth Karl, "I like to read SF that simultaneously entertains me and stretches my mind. I want sex and philosophy, new visions of the future and lots of explosions." Intrigued yet?

**Stephan Martiniere** - <http://www.martiniere.com>

Stephan is a Hugo Award winner this year! His work spans movies *I, Robot*, *Star Wars* episodes 2 and 3, and *The Fifth Element*; television shows *The Real Ghostbusters* and *The Outer Limits*; Karl's book covers *Lady of Mazes* and *Queen of Candescence* among many others, including his three Hugo nominees; and video games *Cyan's Uru: Ages Beyond Myst* and *Myst V: End of Ages*. His massive volume of work is impossible to list here. Check out his site - it's Gorgeous!

**Seth Shostak** - <http://www.seti.org/Page.aspx?pid=455>

Seth is an astronomer at the SETI Institute, a research organization that runs the world's most sensitive search for extraterrestrial intelligence. He has an undergraduate degree from Princeton University, and a doctorate in astronomy from the California Institute of Technology. He's written three books and several hundred popular articles on various topics in astronomy, technology, film, and television. He is the host of the weekly science radio show "Are We Alone?" and the inventor of the electrical banana. The what? /:-) We'll find out at the con!

**Registration Methods** - 1) Use our online registration form. 2) Print and mail our online PDF form. Or 3) Mail your information and a check to the M44 address on the front. Please include your rate, name, address, phone number, email, badge name, and whether to opt out of the online member list (unstated = listed). Rates until 11/15 are: adults \$40, students (ages 13-20) \$25, kids (5-12) \$20, children (0-5) free, supporting \$15 plus \$40 at the door. Post 11/15? Rates go up. :)

**Parties** - [parties@minicon44.mnsthf.org](mailto:parties@minicon44.mnsthf.org)

Parties! Minicon has them. Parties need exuberant fans to run them. If you are said fan(s), please email Parties for details. Also contact Parties for private poolside cabanas ... \$10 to avoid the elevators?! Win! FYI, Minicon runs parties at other cons. Please stop by, have some blog, and register. Blog? It's a beverage; it predates blogging ... a lot.

**Programming** - [programming@minicon44.mnsthf.org](mailto:programming@minicon44.mnsthf.org)

Minicon would not be the fabulous con that it is without the quality of its programming and participants. Our success is largely dependent on you - active and diverse fans. Please give it some thought. Then contact Programming with your plots, er, schemes, ahem, ideas!

Minicon also continues to offer our phenomenal Art Show, Dealers' Room, Music, Gaming, Costuming, and Hospitality. Please visit our site for more details (and pictures!).

Things not covered? Random questions? Propositions? You want to storm a castle? The tribbles are out of control? Your D20 rolls only ones? (tee hee) Contact us at: [request@minicon44.mnsthf.org](mailto:request@minicon44.mnsthf.org)

From one exuberant fan to another. Thanks for your attention. Hope to see you there. Carpe Con!

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