

# TROPICON III

The South Florida Science Fiction Convention



**FORREST J  
ACKERMAN**

**VINCENT  
Di FATE**

**GUESTS OF HONOR**

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**NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2, 1984**

*Holiday Inn*

**FORT LAUDERDALE WEST**

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OTHER SPEAKERS:

LEE HOFFMAN      WENDAYNE ACKERMAN  
BRAD LINAWEAVER      GARY ALAN RUSE

**PROGRESS REPORT**

ENJOY A SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION  
IN FORT LAUDERDALE  
IN WINTER!

\*PANELS \* DEALER'S ROOM \* ART SHOW \* FILMS \* BANQUET\*  
\*EXHIBITS \* VIDEO ROOM \* GAMING \* TRIVIA CONTEST \*  
\*PRIZES \* COSTUME PARTY\*  
\*SPECIAL SALUTE — MARK TWAIN'S BIRTHDAY!\*

3-DAY MEMBERSHIP: only \$15.00

Children 8-years-old and younger: FREE with adult member.

Note: there will be child care services available during the con at very reasonable rates. Registration hours will be: Friday, noon - 8 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday, 9 am - 2 pm.

ALL ADVANCE REGISTRANTS ARE ELIGIBLE  
FOR A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR A CARTON OF BOOKS VALUED AT  
OVER \$50.00!

\*SPECIAL OFFER!\*

FANTASY BOOKS, located at 539 W. Oakland Park Blvd., in Oakland Park, will give a 10% discount to anyone who presents this Progress Report when purchasing SF books or comics.

OUR GUESTS OF HONOR

FORREST J ACKERMAN is a well-known figure in the SF world. Winner of the first Hugo award and editor of the world's longest-running SF film magazine, he has personally known such legendary figures as Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Fritz Lang, Ray Bradbury, and George Lucas. He is a marvelous raconteur and one of the greatest authorities in the field.

VINCENT DiFATE is a Hugo award-winning illustrator and one of the most sought-after cover artists. His work has been exhibited in galleries from New York to Los Angeles and has been widely published. He is a noted authority on SF and fantasy art and has written numerous articles on the subject.

OTHER SPEAKERS: Wendayne Ackerman, Lee Hoffman, Brad Linaweaver, Gary Alan Ruse.

# TROPICON III REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for TROPICON III! My payment is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3-Day Membership \$15.00
- Banquet Ticket \$14.00 **MUST** be purchased by Nov. 29!!!
- Dealer's Room \$25.00 per table. Includes one membership.
- Art Show \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ full panel
- \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ half panel
- \$ 7.50 \_\_\_\_\_ quarter panel

Make checks payable to: TROPICON

Mail to: Joe Siclari, 4599 NW 5 Ave., Boca Raton, FL, 33431

## HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

TROPICON III

Meeting

11/30/84 - 12/2/84

at

*Holiday Inn* Ft. Lauderdale-West  
Telephone: 305-739-4000

### PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS:

Guest Room \$32.00 single or double

Special room rate valid from

11/28/84 - 12/3/84

Reservation request is subject to availability and will be acknowledged.

I Will Arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ 1984.

I Will Depart on \_\_\_\_\_ 1984.

I Will Require a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Rooms

I Will Have One Person \_\_\_\_\_ Two Persons \_\_\_\_\_ In My Party

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

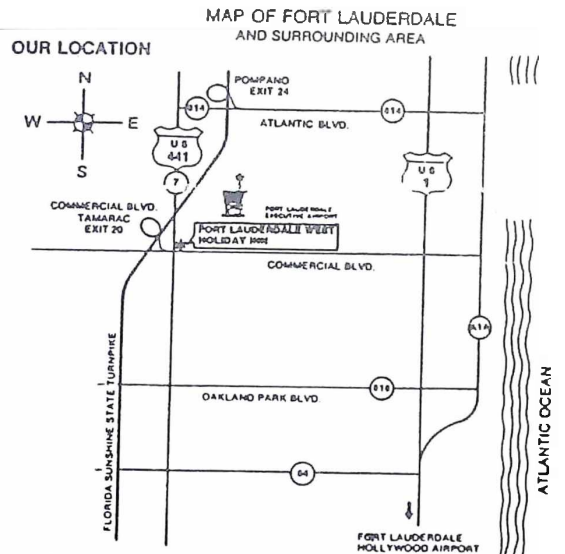
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CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number or One night's deposit, including tax, is needed to guarantee reservation.



*Holiday Inn*

## FORT LAUDERDALE WEST

5100 NORTH STATE ROAD 7 (U.S. 441 at Commercial Blvd.)  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33319 • A.C. 305/739-4000

## \*OUR DELICIOUS SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET\*

All you can eat! Roast Beef, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp, and all the "etcetera" you can hold!

Tickets are just \$14.00. Purchase yours by Thursday, November 29!

## FILM AND VIDEO PROGRAMS

Continuous programming, including classic SF films as well as a wide selection of videos: Star Trek, Doctor Who, Twilight Zone, Blake's 7, Japanese animation --- from noon Friday until Sunday's closing ceremonies.

## SPECIAL FILM PRESENTATION

### \*KING DINOSAUR\*

In conjunction with Saturday night's Midnite Monster Mania panel, dredged from the depths of the celluloid cellar, with Brad Linaweaver's inimitable narration, and the chance to earn an "I Survived King Dinosaur" button --- you won't want to miss this --- unique experience!

## ART SHOW

Tropicon's Art Show is a major part of the convention and has received considerable notice from the local press in past years. This year, with Vincent DiFate as our guest, the Art Show will be more exciting than ever. Also, for the first time, the Art Auction will be publicized locally and open to the public.

All panels are 4' x 8' and are available at \$15 per panel; \$10 per half panel. Convention commission is 10%. Please write for tables, special arrangements, or out-of-town shipping instructions.

Art Show hours will be: Friday, noon - 6 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am - 6 pm; Sunday, 9 am - 11 am. The Art Auction will be held on Sunday at 11:30 am.

## DEALER'S ROOM

As always, the Dealer's Room will be full of books, artwork, t-shirts, and other tempting items. Tables are still available at \$25 each. Price includes one membership. Call Gail Bennett at 584-4258 for more information.

Dealer's Room hours will be: Friday, noon - 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm; and Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm.

## EATS

By popular demand, the Con Suite will be open extended hours, starting at 3 pm on Friday. For those of you who require more than mere munchies, there is a very good restaurant located in the con hotel, and many more are nearby, including excellent Japanese, British, and other cuisines.

\*PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS\*

Friday night.

Trivia Free-for-All. Show off your SF-IQ and win tokens to spend in the Dealer's Room.

Mark Twain's Birthday Party. Celebrate with us --- and our "Sam" "Clemens" stand-in(s) --- at a party in honor of a superb fantasist --- and have a piece of our Comet Cake!

Bardic Circle. Whether you come to perform or to watch, we hope that you'll join our circle after the party as we gather to share stories, songs, and a few surprises!

Saturday night.

Banquet. Enjoy speeches from our guests of honor and some special entertainment while you indulge in our all-you-can-eat feast.

Costume Party. Nothing formal --- just a friendly gathering, with everyone invited to come in costume. Judges will be circulating and prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

King Dinosaur. An unforgettable film experience. Come and earn the right to wear an "I Survived King Dinosaur" button.

Sunday.

Artists' War. Watch a panel of our artists try to out-scribble, out-insult, and generally out-outrage one another.

Art Auction. Bid on your favorite piece or sit back and relax while others engage in "friendly" bidding battles.

PANELS

Debate/Non-Contact Sport (we hope!): Media Fakefen vs. Trufen.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Forrest J Ackerman/  
Vincent DiFate, But Didn't Know Who to Ask.

Dismembered SF: print SF adapted to mass media.

Florida Fandom

Special Midnight Panel: Monster Mania.

. . . and more to come!

VOLUNTEERS

If you'd like to lend a hand "behind the scenes" at Tropicon III, please let us know. With your help, we can make this the best Tropicon ever!

Make all checks payable to: TROPICON.

Mail all checks, inquiries, etc. to: JOE SICLARI, 4599 NW 5 AVE.,  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, 33431.

SEE YOU AT THE CON!