# WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION 1996

The Many Faces of Fantasy



October 31st - November 3rd 1996, Schaumburg, IL PROGRESS REPORT # 2

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# **WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION 1996**

THE MANY FACES OF FANTASY

The 1996 World Fantasy Convention will be held in the Chicago suburbs the weekend of October 31st - November 3rd 1996. During the past few years, World Fantasy Conventions have focused on fantasy fiction centering on a certain region or specific interest. Our theme in 1996 is that fantasy has many faces - from horror to humor to high fantasy - and ranges from short stories to epic novels. They are all part of fantasy fiction and deserve equal attention. Thus, our guest list reflects the wide diversity of the Many Faces of Fantasy. And our convention is a celebration of the wonderful diversity of the literature we all love.

If you've attended the World Fantasy Conventions held in Chicago in 1983 or 1990, you'll notice that many of the same people who hosted those successful shows are on this committee as well. We're planning to make this our best convention ever.

# WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION JUDGES

The judges for the 1996 World Fantasy Awards are:

Bryan Cholfin, Broken Mirrors Press, PO Box 380473, Cambridge, MA 02238

Kathryn Cramer, PO Box 78, Pleasantville, NY 10570

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Publishers having material they feel might be missed by the panel are advised to send the items directly to the addresses above. Please mark all such packages WORLD FANTASY AWARDS MATERIAL. Copies of all such material should also be sent to the World Fantasy Awards Association, Peter Dennis Pautz, President, 5 Winding Brook Drive # 1B, Guilderland, NY 12084-9719.

All types of fantasy are eligible for the awards. Books must have been published in 1995. Magazines must have a 1995 cover date.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Attending membership for the 1996 World Fantasy Convention is \$90 till Sep 1, 1996. Thereafter any memberships still available will be \$100. Membership is limited to 850 people. All members will receive a confirmation letter within a few weeks of joining the convention.

Supporting membership is \$25. This entitles you to all Progress Reports, the Convention Souvenir Book, and the Convention Program Book. The Convention takes Master Card, Visa and American Express.

You can charge your membership by mail or phone. You can even purchase your banquet tickets now. To purchase memberships through the mail use the convenient form in the rear of this progress report. To charge your membership by phone call 708-687-5765 (Please call between 11am and 8pm CST and make sure to say that you are calling in regard to World Fantasy Convention.)

# **BANQUET**

The World Fantasy Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday Afternoon, November 3rd. Brian Lumley, our toastmaster, will preside over the festivities, and the 1996 World Fantasy Awards will be presented. The menu choices are:

#1 - Woodsman Salad, Roast Prime Rib (Au Jus) Chocolate Rasberry Rumble

#2 - Woodsman Salad
Breast of Chicken Oscar
(topped with Snow Peas & Jumbo Prawns in Bernaise Sauce)
Chocolate Rasberry Rumble

#3 - Low-Fat Vegetarian Dinner Low Calorie Dessert

The ticket price is \$40 per person. The seating is limited, so we advise ordering your banquet tickets early. (The banquet room will be divided into "smoking" and "non-smoking" sections)

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

The Woodfield Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois is the site for this year's convention. The hotel is located within twenty minutes of O'Hare Airport and is easily accessible to all the major highways in the Chicago area. across the street from the largest (retail space) shopping mall in the USA. The Hyatt is a popular hotel among Chicago science fiction and fantasy fans and has been the site of numerous gatherings over the past few years. The hotel has approximately 500 rooms on five floors, so all the floors are easily accessed. We are using all of the convention space in the hotel, so there will not be problems other groups using the same areas. There is one restaurant within the hotel, and several excellent restaurants down the block or across the street. We will provide a restaurant list for those interested in the variety our area provides. There are several bar areas within the hotel for comfortable conversation. The hotel no longer uses room reservation cards. Instead, all room reservations should be made using the Hyatt toll-free number: Call them at 1-800-233-1234. Please make sure you mention World Fantasy Convention and that you are reserving rooms for the Woodfield Hyatt Regency Hotel.

#### **ROOM RATES**

Single ....\$99 Double ....\$109 Triple.....\$119 Quad.....\$129 2542517

Publishers and guests with special room needs are advised to contact Nancy or Dennis Ford at 708-852-2514 (Chicago Comicon Office), day or evening. The Hyatt has over fifty suites and is well equipped to handle small to large parties with no problem. The hotel will not accept suite reservations that aren't handled through the convention committee.

For those convention attendees looking for a lower-priced alternative hotel, the convention has a limited block of rooms at the La Quinta Inn, 1730 E. Higgins Rd. in Schaumburg. This hotel is a very long walk from the Hyatt. If a large number of WFC members stay there, a shuttle service will be provided. Rooms are \$72 for a double, \$82 for a king. Call 847-517-8484.

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION

United Airlines is offering 5% off any published domestic air fare (including first class) and 10% off any unrestricted full coach air fare. They will also arrange auto rentals with Avis or Alamo. The WFC group id# is 563YL. To reach United Group Sales please call 1-800-521-4041.

"My Limousine" service is available from the airport to the hotel. Their number is 1-800-824-5055.

#### PROGRAMMING

Our programming is still in the planning stages, but we expect to continue the tradition of exciting programming of previous World Fantasy Conventions. We plan on having two tracks of programming and one track of readings (to be held in an informal, comfortable setting). We are also planning a number of special events. The big autograph party is scheduled for Friday evening and there will be an artist reception on Saturday. If you are in the fantasy or science fiction field, please mark the appropriate box on the membership form. While we will try to use as many professionals as possible, due to the huge number of attendees we cannot guarantee that everyone will get a panel or reading.

# THE KING IN YELLOW

Friday and Saturday during WFC, Chicago's own Mobius Theater troupe will be staging an interactive play, taking place at various locations throughout the convention. A number of your favorite editors and authors will die terrible Lovecraftian deaths. All events will lead up to a unique Saturday night entertainment, as sinister eldritch forces conspire to prevent the first ever presentation of the long-lost play, THE KING IN YELLOW.

### **ART SHOW**

The art show is being run by Stan and Nancy Bruns. Stan is a professional SF/Fantasy Artist and has run numerous art shows in the past. We will have nearly 2500 square feet of display space for the art show, with excellent lighting and high ceilings. The art show will be a juried art show, so artists are advised to contact Stan or Nancy early for full information about exhibiting their work. There will also be an art auction as well as the possibility of direct sale at the art show. We will also have a print shop available for artists. For full information about the Art Show, please contact:

Stan and Nancy Bruns World Fantasy '96 Art Show 4956 Sherifield Drive Marrietta, GA 30068 770-587-4572 (call before 9 p.m.)

#### DEALERS ROOM

The dealer's room is sold out. The dealer's room is on the lower level of the hotel, directly across from where registration will take place. All dealers must be members of the convention, Please note that the Dealers Room is a designated non-smoking area for both members and dealers. For any other questions, please contact:

Alice Bentley
c/o The Stars Our Destination
1021 W. Belmont
Chicago, IL 60657-3302
312-871-2722
(11 a.m. - 9 p.m.Mon.-Sat., and 12N - 6 p.m. Sun.)

#### RARE BOOK AUCTION

Continuing a tradition started at the very first World Fantasy Convention, this year's convention will feature a rare book and ephemera auction. Members of the convention can place rare items from their collection in the auction to be held at the convention, with the convention taking a small percentage if the material sells. Due to time constraints, only a limited number of items will be accepted for the auction. Suitable material for this auction would include rare books, original artwork, manuscripts and unusual epehmera. Running the auction will be well known collectors Dick Wald and Rusty Hevelin.

Collectors interested in submitting material for the auction should contact:

R.F. Wald WFC Auction 5 Becket Lake Oswego, OR 97035

#### **SOUVENIR BOOK**

The 1996 WFC Souvenir Book will be done in large size trade paperbound format and feature new fiction, interviews and articles by and about our guests as well as a full color portfolio by Ron Walotsky. It will be given free to all members of the convention. Companies wishing to advertise in the Souvenir Book should contact:

Richard Gilliam
PO Box 9546
Green Bay, WI 54308-946
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