

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society presents

LOSCON 32

A SPACE OPERETTA!



November 25 – 27, 2005

Steve Brust, Author Guest of Honor

Rowena Morrill, Artist Guest of Honor

Bruce Farr, Fan Guest of Honor

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi there!

We're gearing up for Loscon 32, and all systems are go. This year's theme is based on a slightly warped perspective. In Loscon 30, we navigated the worlds of science fiction. In Loscon 31, we came back to Los Angeles (sort of a voyage home, without all the whales and stuff.) But travel changes your perspective. You see all kinds of things you never thought of before. You encounter alien cultures and alien perspectives, and you carry these back with you. You never look at familiar things quite the same way after an experience like that.

This year, I invite you to look at the world through alien eyes. This change in perspective can give you new insight into things you always took for granted. Come and look at the familiar from a new perspective, as a man from Mars might. Or, perhaps as the Imperial Japanese, or Pirates, or Olympian gods might see things. In this century, science fiction and fantasy allow us to explore ideas no one else thinks to question. A little over a century ago, two gentlemen used the operetta to accomplish the same task. Moving the usual and customary to an alien setting gives us distance and perspective. We can safely think about how strange our normal ways really are. We can have fun with ideas, with less fear of offending popular sensibilities. After all, we all know Martians are a bit funny in the head. (With any luck, this will be the last decade in which I can get away with a throw-away line like that!)

For the most part, I've drawn on the talents of people who worked in the same committee last year, or in years before. Therefore, more than ever, the credit for the convention's success goes to all the committee heads, and the blame accrues to the con chair.

Let's have a fun con!

Karl Lembke
Chairman, Loscon 32



CHOOSING AN AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR

One of the decisions a con chair gets to make is who the guest of honor will be. Now granted, the guest has a lot to say in the matter, too. A guest need not accept the invitation. Because I am very mindful of this, I am very grateful to Steven Brust for accepting my invitation to be the Author Guest of Honor at Loscon 32.

Why did I choose Steven Brust? Well, first and foremost, because I can. I did, and he accepted, and I like his stories.

You want something that fits the theme of the convention? OK, how about this?

Anna Russel once said, “you can do anything in grand opera, so long as you sing it.” Likewise, you can do anything in a story, so long as you set it on another planet. You can write about the most bizarre customs, once you make it clear that it’s happening someplace else.

In his own particular someplace else, Steven Brust introduces us to a professional assassin we can actually sympathize with, and whom we might consider having as a friend. Of course, an assassin isn’t nearly as threatening in a world where the victims don’t always stay dead, where reincarnation is a fact of life, and magic works.

It’s also a world where humans are not the dominant players, and an alien species is in charge. Humans may befriend their betters, but can never become their peers.

Steven Brust writes fun stories that stretch the mind.

Take a journey into his world, and this one won’t be quite the same.

Karl Lembke
Chairman, Loscon 32



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DEALER'S ROOM

Well, as we gear up to bring you another LosCon, we look forward with Great anticipation to another fantastic convention in 2005. Our Dealers' Room is fast filling up with a number of old friends as well as a few new Surprises for our attendees.

So far, we have the following confirmed dealers:

Angelwear Creations
Bedazzled by Design
Book Universe
Cargo Cult Books
DAG Productions
Dark Gift
Dragonmarsh
Earthdaughter Arts
Mark Ferrari
Fo 'Paws
The Hornsmythe
House of Artemas
Lyzard13

Magic Velvets
Massoglia Books
Money-changers
Nova SF
Pegasus Publications
Realm of Regalia
SCI-Fi Zone
K. Smart Designs
Soundtrack
Springtime Creations
Sundreams and Myths
TL Barnes Ent.

As you can see, this provides us with a variety of dealers offering a wide spectrum of merchandise. So, what could be better? Well, watch the website to find out. We expect to have a few more surprises for you.



Kris Bauer
Dealers' Room

ART SHOW

Of course Loscon 32 will have an art show!

The Art Show Mailing is scheduled to go out by the end of July. If you are interested in receiving information about being in our Art Show, and think that you might not be on our mailing list, please send an email to: artshow@loscon.org and request that we sent you a packet. Thanks!



Janet Baerstein
Sheri Taylor



OUR HOTEL

Join us as return once again to our new home in Los Angeles - the LAX Marriott! The hotel is conveniently located right next to LAX International Airport, only five minutes west of the 405 Freeway, and only eight minutes north of the 105 Freeway. There is plenty of parking at the Marriott, and for folks travelling by air, there is a 24-hour complementary Marriott shuttle from LAX.

Room rates will be \$93, single/double, triple/quad.

You might remember from last year, that our convention space is all on one floor, just below the lobby of the Marriott. You will also be able to access your sleeping rooms easily and directly from the convention floor by one of six elevators. Foods choices abound at JW's – serving steaks and seafood, Latitude 33, themed as “tastes of the Pacific Rim”, and Champions American Sports Bar, with a reasonable priced smaller selection menu (burgers, salads, etc.). There's also a Starbucks, which will be open all weekend.

Details on making your room reservation will be in the next two progress reports.

There is not a suite rate available, as there are no suites available to general attendees. If, however, you are planning on throwing a party at Loscon, there are a limited number of suites available. Please contact our Party Maven, Janis Olson, at partymaven@loscon.org discuss your needs.



WEAPONS POLICY

You kill it, you eat it.

Seriously, no real-looking weapons are allowed at Loscon. Think about it – we're very, very close to the airport. Many people, including hotel staff, will take a dim view of real looking weapons. If you're carrying something that looks real, make sure it's been peace-bonded. The nice folks at Operations can help you with that. If you don't want to get it peace-bonded, no problem - just be prepared to surrender it to the nice folks at Operations for the duration of the convention. This includes the fun new things that you just bought in the dealers room and want to wear around the con.

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\$35 until July 31

After that, the rate will go up, and it will be even more at the door. Join now and save some money! You can join online using paypal at our website at:

www.loscon.org

or send in your check for membership to the return address listed on the back of this progress report. See you in November!

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