

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

Greetings!

Welcome to the second preview of the Space Operetta, Loscon 32.

In Loscon 30, we journeyed through the worlds of science fiction and fantasy. In Loscon 31, we escaped (back) home to L.A. Now, in Loscon 32, we are looking at our old home through new eyes, and we're putting on a show to let everyone see how our perceptions have changed.

Opera has always been part of the genre of fantasy. We are told stories out of myth and legend. We are allowed to see into the realms of the gods, and mysterious far-off lands. And we're led into that most mysterious realm of all — the human heart. But it's not all grand themes and heavy philosophy, opera can be light-hearted, and operetta, almost by definition is light-hearted. Loscon 32 is a space operetta, exploring the fantasy worlds we've encountered, and presenting a guide to these worlds for people who haven't had the chance to see them for themselves.

The stage is set, backdrops have been painted. We'll have most, if not all, of the features you've come to expect from previous showings of Loscon. We'll also have a charity drive — we're collecting old cell phones and PDAs for re-use or recycling. This is being done in honor of Fred Patten, who is dealing with the effects of a stroke. We'll also have our usual blood drive and toy drive, featuring brilliant performances by the usual players.

We also have a full stage, indeed, a three-ring-circus, of programming. We're covering a number of subjects we haven't dealt with in a long time, and our guests are very excited about the range of topics available. If any of our members have the ability to be in two places at once, this is the time to use it!

The stage is set, and the cast and crew are assembled. And what a cast and crew it is! The show is in rehearsals and technical workups are underway. When the curtain goes up on November 25, you'll be treated to one incredible performance. I hope to see you there!

Karl Lembke
Chairman, Loscon 32



CHOOSING AN ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR

Rowena has been established in the field of science fiction and fantasy art for more years than I suspect she cares to admit. You've undoubtedly seen her work on a number of covers, even if you never caught her name as the responsible party.

Once I connected her name with her artwork, I realized I'd been quite taken with it myself, and decided she'd make a fine addition to our show. In addition, her name came highly recommended by a previous Loscon chair, Michael Mason. Unfortunately, he won't be around to meet Rowena this year, but I'm sure he'd be happy to know she managed to make it to the convention.

Rowena's work graces the cover of this progress report (and the bottom of this page!), and can be found scattered through other publications of the convention committee. And yes, you'll be wearing some of her art, as part of your convention membership badge. You can also find samples of her work at her website, www.rowenaart.com.



I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to meet our honored artist guest for Loscon 32.

I certainly will!

Karl Lembke
Chairman



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OUR HOTEL

Loscon 32 is back yet again at one of the best sites for a convention in Los Angeles, the LAX Marriott. Located at 5855 W. Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, the hotel is central to all of Southland fandom. It's only a few minutes west of the 405 freeway, or north of the 105 freeway. There is plenty of parking, and fans travelling by air will find a 24 hour complimentary Marriott shuttle from LAX.

The convention space is all on one floor, just below the lobby of the Marriott. All of Loscon 32 is just a moment's walk from everything else, and you can easily access your sleeping room directly from the convention floor by one of six swift elevators.

The LAX Marriott boasts three restaurants: JW's, serving steaks & seafood, Latitude 33, themed as "tastes of the Pacific Rim", and Champions American Sports Bar with a reasonably priced menu. There's also a Starbucks, which will be open for us all weekend.

We have a great deal from the Marriott on our room rate - \$93 for single/double/triple/quad occupancy. Check-in time is 3:00 PM; and check-out is 1:00 PM. There will be validation for a lower parking rate of \$8.00 per day with Loscon 32 membership. For people staying at the hotel, the parking will be reduced automatically.

To make your room reservation, please either call the Marriott at 1-800-228-9290 or go to their website at www.marriott.com and use the **Group Code "LSCLSCA"** to get this low rate.

There is no suite rate available, as there are no suites available to general attendees. If, however, you are planning on throwing a party at Loscon 32, there are a very limited number of suites available. Please contact our Party Maven, Janis Olson, at partymaven@loscon.org to discuss your needs.

For those fans with allergies to down – the LAX Marriott, like many properties in the Marriott chain, uses down bedding and down pillows.

If you have an allergy to down (and there are many of us out there) the only way the LAX Marriott can accommodate all of us is if we give them timely notice. The earlier you can make your reservation, the more likely we will have them ready to accommodate our needs. The LAX Marriott has a limited number of resources, which under non-fan conditions, is sufficient for

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their general needs. We have to help them acknowledge and meet the more allergy prone fannish community's requirement.

Please let the the hotel know, and have them make a note within your reservation, that you need the down pillows and comforters removed from the room. You will need to speak to a live reservations person to assure that this gets entered into the notes field of your reservation.

Since even this precaution might not be sufficient to guarantee their properly accommodating your needs, immediately e-mail your reservation confirmation number to hotel@loscon.org with the names on the reservation and inform us that you have made this request of the hotel.

The deadline for having Loscon 32 assist in making sure you receive a hypo-allergenic room is October 15, 2005. There is no guarantee that everyone will be helped, but our chances of making everyone's Loscon 32 stay at the LAX Marriott more comfortable increase dramatically if you take these steps.



Christian McGuire
Hotel Liaison

USED CELL PHONE /PDA DRIVE

Hi, I'm Glen Wooten and I'll be running a collection of used cell phones and PDAs that folks are no longer using to raise a little something for Fred Patten, who was recently afflicted with a stroke. While they may just be taking space up in your desk drawer, they can be used to benefit Fred. Did you know that the phone you've used before might no longer be activated? It's true!

You can find more information about the drive and what you would need to do if you'd like to contribute at "<http://pages.sbcglobal.net/kar120c/Fred/CPD.html>" - the collection box will be at the control desk for the dealer's room, just inside the door. If you'll be coming to the convention and have older cell phones or PDAs just lying about , please keep the collection drive in mind. It helps Fred, it helps you, it helps the environment - thanks for your attention!



DEALER'S ROOM

As the summer draws to a close, we approach LosCon 32 with excitement and anticipation. We've got a Dealers' Room full of excellent vendors ready to tempt you with lots of fascinating and delightful treasures. You'll be happy to see a number of our most popular dealers back again and a few new finds as well. The following dealers have confirmed their attendance:

Angelwear Creations

Jewelry and gemstones angelwearcreations.com/

Bedazzled by Design

Costumes

Book Universe

New books, t-shirts and games

Cargo Cult Books

New books, CDs and DVDs

Continuum

Science Fiction Magazines and jewelry

DAG Productions

Filk CDs, note cards, etc. www.filk.com/

Dark Gift

Items of leather, candles and fangs

Dragonmarsh

Oils, herbs, gifts & much more www.dragonmarsh.com/

Earthdaughter Arts

Jewelry, games, buttons & more www.earthdaughterarts.com/

Mark Ferrari

Art prints and software www.markferrari.com/

Fo' Paws Productions

T-shirts, other shirts and totes www.fopaws.com/

The Hornsmythe

Horn, bone, leather & costumes hornsmythe.tripod.com/

House of Artemas

Fleece and knit gifts

Lumia Worldwide

Art, comics, fanzines, etc.

Lyzard13

Action figures, dolls, & toys www.lyzard13.com/

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Used books & bumper stickers home.pacbell.net/ambooks/

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Nova Science Fiction

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SF books, audio-books & miscellaneous

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Star Trek, Star Wars & general merchandise

K. Smart, Romantic Fantasy Coats

Coats, cloaks and costumes www.kristismart.com/

Soundtrack

Vintage movie memorabilia

Springtime Creations

Space-faring jewelry www.springtimecreations.com/

Sundreams and Myths

Soft sculptures and artwork sundreams.home.att.net

TL Barnes Enterprises

Trim and costume accessories www.tlbarnes.com/

As you can see, this provides us with a variety of dealers offering a wide spectrum of merchandise. So, what could be better? You, joining us for the festivities, of course! Keep watching our website to find out if we provide a few more surprises for you. :)



Kris Bauer
Dealers' Room

REGISTRATION

Wanting to volunteer and help out at the convention? But, you're just not sure of what you want to do? Well consider this... Looking for fun? Looking for excitement? Looking for a place where everyone goes? How about Registration! It is a place where everyone goes, at least once. If you think you might like to try working at Registration email TEACorp@delphia.net or Registration@Loscon32.org



Tony Benoun
Registration



ART SHOW

Loscon 32 is proud to bring you a fine selection of science-fiction, fantasy and related genre artwork. You do not need to be a member of Loscon to submit art to the Art Show, but you must be a member if you wish to attend any other convention activities. Art may either be mailed in or brought to the convention by the artist.

Art Show space is available in units of panels or half tables. A panel is 3' wide by 4' high, and is made of pegboard. Materials for hanging artwork will be provided by the convention. Table space is approximately 3' long by 2.5' deep, half a standard hotel table. Each unit of Art Show space is \$7.50. Requests for more than 4 units of space must be cleared with the Art Show Directors in advance.

Requests for Art Show information, or to register for the show should be sent to the address below:

**Sheri Taylor and Janet Baernstein
LosCon Art Show
3296 Redwood Dr.
Riverside, CA 92501**

**(909) 788-8632 - call in the evenings or leave a message
We are also online at 'moontydes@earthlink.net'**



Janet Baernstein, Sheri Taylor
Art Show

PROGRAMMING

Join us at Loscon 32 - we have many exciting guests such as writers Maria Alexander, ElizaBeth Gilligan, Barbara Hambly, Mike Shepherd-Moscoe, Kevin Andrew Murphy, Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle, as well as Scientists like Steve Bartlett, Michael Cassutt, Genevieve Dazzo, Robert Gounley, and many more. Please see the Loscon website for the full list of guests.

There is also a variety of programming we are sure you will enjoy:

- An Alien Walks Into a Bar: Is there room for humor in Science Fiction
- Classic Science Fiction Literature: What makes it classic?
- Heinlein 101: An introduction to the writings of Heinlein
- Send in the Clones: Ethics of cloning

So, join us and you too will be singing the praises of Loscon 32, A Space Operetta.



Arlene Satin
Programming





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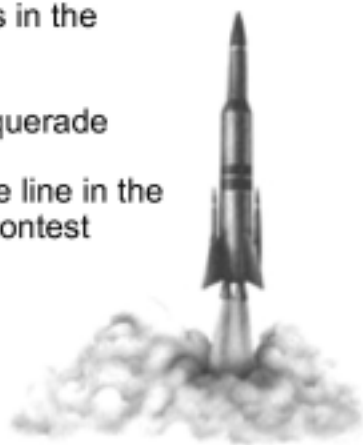
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www.loscon.org

or send in your check, along with your name and address, to:

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See you in November!

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