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## **LOS CON 34 DIGS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUN AT LAX MARRIOTT ON THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — The 34th LosCon, titled “The Dig — Excavating the Worlds of Science Fiction,” will be held at the LAX Marriott Nov. 23-25. The weekend will include panel discussions and special guests covering topics of fact and fiction, as well as autographing opportunities with writers and artists, music performances and art exhibitions. Guests of Honor at the convention will include writer Robert J. Sawyer, artist Theresa Mather, fan favorite David West Reynolds and musical artist Dr. James Robinson.

“I’m hoping this will expand people’s vision of what science fiction can be,” said Dr. Susan Gleason, a real-life archaeologist and 2007 LosCon event chair. “Rather than focusing exclusively on rockets and hard science, the human sciences inform where we’ve been, like ‘Indiana Jones,’ and where we’re going, like ‘Stargate.’ ”

In addition to archaeology-themed activities, children ages 3 to 12 can participate in a special Kids Night, which will include folk dancing, storytelling and games. For older kids, there will be a teen lounge with electronic gaming. Children and adults alike are encouraged to come dressed as a favorite book, film or television character or invent one and enter the Saturday night masquerade. All children who enter the masquerade will receive a ribbon for their participation.

Cost: \$50 (ages 13 and older) or \$25 (ages 4-12) for entire weekend; \$25 (13 and older) or \$15 (4-12) for Friday or Saturday only; \$20 (13 and older) or \$10 (4-12) for Sunday only. Children 3 or under admitted free. For more information, visit [loscon.org](http://loscon.org) or call LASFS at (818) 760-9234.

LosCon is a grass-roots fan convention organized by the longest continually meeting sci-fi fan organization, Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS), a 3,000-member group founded in 1934. Its diverse membership has included such notables as Steven Barnes (“Lion’s Blood”), Ray Bradbury (“Fahrenheit 451”), David Gerrold (“Star Trek”), Robert Heinlein (“Starship Troopers”), Larry Niven (“Ringworld”), Dr. Jerry Pournelle (“Footfall”), Harry Turtledove (“Opening Atlantis”) and Connie Willis (“Inside Job”). LASFS is a nonprofit that promotes education and literacy for all ages through an extensive lending library, weekly meetings and special events.

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