

LONESTARCON 3

The 71st World Science Fiction Convention
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LoneStarCon 3 wins 2013 Worldcon bid for San Antonio

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RENO, Nev. – The World Science Fiction Convention will return to Texas for the first time since 1997 after voting results announced Aug. 20 at Renovation, the 2011 Worldcon, awarded the right to host the international conference to the Texas in 2013 bid.

LoneStarCon 3—the 71st World Science Fiction Convention—will be held Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2013, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The Marriott Rivercenter and Marriott Riverwalk will serve as the host hotels.

The guests of honor list for LoneStarCon 3 includes Ellen Datlow, James Gunn, Norman Spinrad, Darrel K. Sweet and Willie Siros, with Paul Cornell serving as toastmaster and featuring special guests Leslie Fish and Joe R. Lansdale.

Founded in 1939, the World Science Fiction Convention is one of the largest international gatherings of authors, artists, editors, publishers and fans of science fiction and fantasy entertainment. The annual Hugo Awards, the leading award for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy, are voted on by Worldcon membership and presented during the convention.

LoneStarCon 3 is sponsored by ALAMO, Inc., (Alamo Literary Arts Maintenance Organization), a 501(c)3 organization. Membership for LoneStarCon 3 may be purchased at www.LoneStarCon3.org. In addition to individual memberships , LoneStarCon 3 will also offer

a family rate. For more information about LoneStarCon 3, memberships or hotel information, visit www.LoneStarCon3.org.

About the Guests of Honor

Paul Cornell is a writer of science fiction and fantasy in prose, television and comics, and is the only person to have been a Hugo Award nominee for all three media. He's written *Action Comics* for DC Comics and *Doctor Who* for the BBC. His novels are *Something More* and *British Summertime*. His forthcoming novel, an urban fantasy, will be published by Tor in 2012.

Ellen Datlow has edited science fiction, fantasy and horror short fiction for three decades. She served as fiction editor of *Omni* magazine and *SCI Fiction*, and has edited many anthologies for adults, young adults and children. She has won multiple Locus, Hugo, Stoker, International Horror Guild, Shirley Jackson and World Fantasy Awards. She was the recipient of the 2007 Karl Edward Wagner Award for "outstanding contribution to the genre."

Leslie Fish is one of the best-known authors of filk songs including "Banned from Argo," a comic song parodying *Star Trek* which has spawned more than 80 variants since first performed.

James Gunn is a science fiction author, editor, scholar and anthologist. His most significant writings include fiction from the 1960s and 70s and his scholarly *Road to Science Fiction* collections. Gunn is a founding director of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction. He won a Hugo Award for non-fiction in 1983 and was honored in 2007 as a Damon Knight Memorial Grand Master by Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

Joe R. Lansdale is the author of more than 30 books and is known to his fans as Champion Joe, Mojo Storyteller. He is known for his horror stories, the *Hap and Leonard*

mystery/thriller series and the theatrical film *Bubba Ho-Tep*. Lansdale's many awards include 16 Bram Stoker Awards, the Grand Master Award from the World Horror Convention, a British Fantasy Award and the American Mystery Award.

Willie Siros was instrumental in starting the long-running Austin science fiction convention, Armadillocon, serving as chair of the first three editions. Siros also contributed to the founding of the Fandom Association of Central Texas, the original LoneStarCon (the 1985 North American Science Fiction Convention) and Adventures In Crime & Space Books. He is a former para-librarian at the University of Texas Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center where he developed its speculative fiction collection.

Norman Spinrad is the author of more than 20 novels, including *Bug Jack Barron*, *The Iron Dream*, *Child of Fortune*, *Pictures at 11*, *Greenhouse Summer* and *The Druid King*. He has also published approximately 60 short stories collected in a dozen volumes. Spinrad has written teleplays, including the classic *Star Trek* episode "The Doomsday Machine." He is a long time literary critic, occasional film critic and songwriter, and perpetual political analyst.

Darrell K. Sweet is an artist most famous for providing the cover art for the fantasy epic saga *The Wheel of Time*. He is also the illustrator for the well-known *Xanth* series by Piers Anthony, the *Saga of Recluce* series by L.E. Modesitt, Jr., and the *Runelords* series by David Farland. He is also the original cover artist for Stephen R. Donaldson's series *The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever*.