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TusCon Brings Fans of Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Horror to Tucson

Tucson, AZ – May 11th, 2016: On November 11-13, 2016, TusCon, "*The Best Little Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Convention in Arizona*", will hold its forty-third annual convention in a new location at the Radisson Hotel Tucson Airport, 4550 S Palo Verde Rd, Tucson, AZ 85714. The convention is expected to welcome over five hundred fans of speculative fiction from science fiction, fantasy and horror in Tucson for the weekend-long event.

A number of Guests of Honor have already been announced for TusCon 43. George R.R. Martin, best known for HBO's *Game of Thrones* based on his multi-award-winning fantasy series *A Song of Ice and Fire*, will be hosting panels and meeting attendees. Peri Charlifou, founder and guild master of the *Arts and Artisans of Colorado Guild*, will talk about fantasy pottery art. Prolific director and producer William Malone (*House on Haunted Hill* (1999), *Scared to Death*, and *FearDotCom*) will be participating in a variety of programming. Geoff Notkin, television host and professional meteorite hunter, is returning to regale us with stories of his experiences. And, as always, our toastmaster extraordinaire is Nebula award-winning writer Edward "Ed" Bryant.

Planned convention events include a variety of educational panels and workshops hosted by volunteers and guests; anime viewings; manga panels; round-the-clock video screenings; a costume competition (the "masquerade" or "cosplay"); a hall costume contest; steampunk tea duelling; performances by musical guests and burlesque artists; a live action role play ("LARP") event; LAN computer game tournaments; tabletop gaming; an art show; autograph sessions with the guests; a hospitality suite with snacks and conversation; and vendor areas of merchandise and handmade creations from artists. Many convention attendees don costumes of their favorite characters from books, anime, film and video to attend the annual convention.

TusCon 43 memberships are \$55, strictly limited to 500 available only through our website, and includes entrance to the convention on all three days. More information regarding registration, guests, programming, and events is available at www.tusconscificon.com

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About TusCon: Located in Tucson AZ, TusCon is an annual convention sponsored by Baja Arizona Science Fiction Association (BASFA), a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. The primary focus of TusCon is on science fiction, fantasy, and horror literature, but we also feature art, animation, multimedia, and gaming.

TusCon was started in 1974 when two friends, Jim Corrick and Carol De Priest (née Hoag), decided that Tucson should have a "real" science fiction convention and thus began Tucson's first completely fan-run science fiction convention.

Every year, dozens of professionals -- writers, artists, editors, performers, and filmmakers -- attend the convention. The weekend-long event offers panel discussions, an art show/Artists Alley, vendors, gaming, science presentations, cosplay, and much more.

A small "boutique" convention, TusCon attracts between 300 and 500 attendees each year, ranging from preteens to senior citizens. The common denominator is a love for the written word, especially fantasy, horror, and science fiction.

TusCon offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere surrounding three days of amazing events, including up close and personal discussions with some of today's finest SF, fantasy, and horror creators.

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