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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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TUSCON 43 ANNOUNCED GUESTS

George R.R. Martin [Author Guest of Honor]



New York Times best-selling author George R.R. Martin is the much celebrated author of the famous *A Song of Ice and Fire* fantasy series, better known to millions as *A Game of Thrones*.

George R.R. Martin has been awarded with a number of prestigious awards for his exceptional talents. He is a 6 times winner of the Locus Award, 3 times winner of the Hugo Award and a 2 times winner of the Nebula Award. He also has up his sleeve the Daikon, Balrog, Gigamesh, Daedelus, Bram Stoker and World Fantasy awards.

These days Martin is a member of the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America and of the Writers' Guild of America, West.

Website: <http://www.georgermartin.com/>

Peri Charlifu [Artist Guest of Honor]



Peri Charlifu is a native Coloradan who has been selling his work professionally for over 30 years. He has won dozens of awards and is founder and guild master of the Arts and Artisans of Colorado guild. He is a full-time artist and participates in about 45-50 shows a year all over the country.

His work is exhibited and sold all over the United States as well as other countries. To-date, he has produced over 37,000 pieces. His work is available for special order and at art shows only.

Peri works mainly in a high density mix of porcelain and white stoneware. He mixes his own glaze and, except for some specialty pieces, his work is food, oven and microwave safe. All the design work is hand painted and/or carved and he mixes all his own stains and colors.

Website: <http://aegeangoods.com/>

William Malone [Special Media Guest]



William Malone is a horror filmmaker who directed such films as *House on Haunted Hill* (1999), *Scared to Death*, and *FearDotCom*. His television directing credits include episodes of *Tales from the Crypt*, *Freddy's Nightmares*, and *Masters of Horror*. His film *Creature* was nominated for a Saturn Award by the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror Films.

In addition to his directing credits, William Malone sculpted the iconic mask for the character of Michael Myers in the now-classic horror film *Halloween*. He is also considered the world's foremost collector of *Forbidden Planet* memorabilia, including Robby the Robot.

IMDb: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0540532>

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Geoff Notkin [Special Guest]



Geoff is an Emmy Award-winning television host and producer, author, cartoonist, meteorite specialist, publisher, and photographer. He appears regularly on television and is best known as the host of Science Channel's award-winning adventure series "*Meteorite Men*."

He won two Emmys for his work on the educational series "*STEM Journals*" and has also made shows for National Geographic, NASA, Discovery, PBS, the BBC, History Channel, A&E, and Travel Channel, appearing in such programs as "*Globe Trekker*," "*Ancient Aliens*," "*American Chopper*," "*Shipping Wars*," "*The Best Places to Find Cash & Treasures*," "*How the Earth was Made*," "*Wired Science*," and "*Cosmic Collisions*."

Geoff has written hundreds of published articles on science, adventure travel, history, and the arts, as well as the books "*Meteorite Hunting: How To Find Treasure From Space*" and two memoirs, "*Rock Star: Adventures of a Meteorite Man*," and "*My Incredibly Strange and Amazing Real-Life Adventures in the World of Comic Books*." He is a TEDx speaker and sits on the Board of Governors of the National Space Society.

Website: <http://geoffnotkin.com/>

Edward "Ed" Bryant [Toastmaster]



Edward Winslow Bryant Jr. is a science fiction and horror writer and editor sometimes associated with the *Dangerous Visions* series of anthologies that bolstered The New Wave.

He won two Nebula awards for his short stories, *Stone* (1978) and *giANTS* (1979). He is mostly known as a writer of short fiction, however he also writes poetry, nonfiction, reviews, criticism, and edits an e-zine.

In 1972, he founded The Northern Colorado Writers Workshop, which continues today, and has produced a number of notable writers, including Steve Rasnic Tem, Melanie Tem, Dan Simmons, and Connie Willis. He is currently a senior editor of Wormhole Books. In addition, Bryant has facilitated a number of other writing workshops for writers ranging in skill and experience from amateur to professional. Although generally known as a writer himself,

Bryant's greatest legacy may be the encouragement, instruction, and mentoring he has given to hundreds of other writers through the years.

Website: <http://www.friendsofed.org/>

TUSCON PRESS PHOTOS



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TUSCON PRESS POLICIES

- The quantity of Press Passes are limited and must be applied for, and approved, prior to the convention. The cut-off date for requesting a Press Pass is November 4, 2016.
- Press are expected to follow all TusCon Convention Policies.
- A Press Badge does not grant access to Convention Areas before they are open, or to Convention Staff Only areas. If you wish to access these areas, please contact us so we can attempt to arrange.
- As a reminder, guests are unable to offer autographs during Press Sessions. They are available at regularly-scheduled Autograph Sessions during the Convention.
- Press photographers may not solicit payment for their services from attendees during the convention.
- Press are requested to send a copy of any coverage of the Convention to publicity@tusconscificon.com by a month after the Convention. This will assist us in evaluating Press Requests for future years. We will also list your coverage on the Press page of our website.
- If any Press photographers would like to share their photos and videos with us for archival purposes, it is always greatly appreciated! If they are used later in any publication, the creator will be properly credited.