

# **PROGRAMME**

This programme is, as far as possible, a complete guide to all convention events. Please take care of it -- we cannot guarantee to supply replacements, although extracts will be prominently posted as appropriate. It goes to press three weeks before the convention, and during that time there are certain to be some alterations. These will be announced on notices and where possible in the daily convention newsheet (available from the convention information office - Churchill Room).

A few general remarks. Firstly, please remember to wear your convention badge at all times. This applies no matter how eminent you are. The convention has professional security guards on duty in certain areas, and one of their duties will be to challenge people without badges, and to deny them access to convention areas. This is a necessary precaution and nothing will be gained by your arguing with the guards. If you lose your badge please go to the Registration desk in the Primrose room or the Information Room (Churchill Room) but bear in mind you may well be charged a small fee for a replacement badge and you will be required to prove your identity.

With the exception of the Clarence Room (films), which is non-smoking only, programme rooms will be divided into smoking and non-smoking sections. (The sections for smokers, if not more obviously labelled, will be the ones with ash-trays. Again, if you're in doubt (or anti-social) a security guard will put you right. You will not be allowed to carry food, drink or bags other than handbags into any of the art or film exhibition rooms: this is for the protection of the many individuals and institutions that have loaned us valuable and often irreplaceable items. Remember, please, most of these precautions are common-sense -- apply it yourself and save us the trouble, and embarrassement, of applying it for you.

We hope you will have a smooth and trouble-free weekend. If you have problems or complaints (to do with the convention or with the Metropole), please go to the Information Room (Churchill Room) and we will do our best to help you. But please remember that all the convention workers are unpaid volunteers who also want to have a good time and try not to burden them with trivialities.

Above all, enjoy yourselves.

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#### OPENING TIMES

BOOK ROOM (HALL 3)

THURSDAY 2.00pm - 6.00pm

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 10.00AM - 6.00PM

MONDAY 10.00AM - 2.00PM

ART & FILM EXHIBITS (HALLS 6 & 7) THURSDAY 2.00PM - 6.00PM

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 10.00AM - 6.00PM

MONDAY 10.00AM - 12.00 NOON

FANDOM ROOM (HALL 4)

THURSDAY 3.00pm - UNTIL LATE (BAR CLOSES 1.00AM)

FRIDAY 10.00AM - 7.30PM

SATURDAY 10.00AM - 8.30PM, 11.30PM - UNTIL LATE

SUNDAY 10.00AM - 5.30PM, 11.30PM - UNTIL LATE

MONDAY 10.00AM - 6.00PM

REGISTRATION DESK (PRIMROSE ROOM) WEDNESDAY 2.00pm - 5.00pm

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 10.00AM - 5.00PM

INFORMATION ROOM (CHURCHILL ROOM) WEDNESDAY 7.00PM - 9.00PM, THURSDAY 10.00AM-9.00PM

MONDAY 10.00AM - 6.00PM

NOTE: Registrations will also be taken in the Information room Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00-9.00pm; Saturday & Sunday 10.00am - 9.00pm.

Banquet tickets (subject to availability) will be on sale in the information Room during opening hours. Entry forms for the Fancy Dress will also be available here. A British Rail/Southdown Bus Travel Desk will also be available on Thursday and Friday only.

In case of EMERGENCY ONLY outside opening times of Information desk please ask Hotel Reception to bleep Operations Controller.

STAR WARS EXHIBIT (KENT SUITE 3) TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED S.F.W.A. SUITE (DORSET SUITE 3) TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED EUROPEAN SPACE PROMOTION ASSOCIATION (KENT SUITE 1) TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED VARIOUS MEETINGS AND PARTIES (SURREY SUITE 3) TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED BABYSITTING SERVICES (KENT SUITE 4) TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES ENTIRELY BEYOND OUR CONTROL WE HAVE HAD TO SWITCH SOME OF THE CONVENTION FUNCTIONS INDICATED IN OUR SOUVENIR PROGRAMME BOOK, PLEASE CONSULT THE PLANS IN THIS BOOKLET FOR (GOD WILLING) THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH ABOUT WHERE AND WHEN EVERYTHING IS.

- \*\*\* THE FANDOM ROOM WILL NOW BE IN HALL 4 ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND NOT IN HALL 5 AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.
- \*\*\* HALL 8 WILL NOW NOT BE AVAILABLE AS A BAR AND LOUNGE REFRESHMENT AREA
- \*\*\* REFRESHMENTS WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE IN THE WINTER GARDENS BALLROOM

3.00pm	4,00PM	5.00pm	6.00pm
REPORT ON THE THIRD PLANET; SF AROUND THE WORLD - speech by Frederik Pohl	L. Sprague de Camp, Tar	with CONCEPTS OF INTERSTELLAR	END OF AFTERNOON PROGRAMME IN HALL 1
	PRELIMINARY BUSINESS ME	EETING	
THEODORE STURGEON PRESENT	TS A FRENCH TV MOVIE VERSI	ION OF "BRIGHT SEGMENTS"	PHASE IV
8,00pm	9.00рм	10.30рм	11,00рм
	WITH SLIDES, FILM CLIPS,	SUPERMAN	12.30ам
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THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY -- THE RADIO FOUR SERIES IN COMPLETE CONTINUOUS PRESENTATION (ENDS 11,00PM)

#### COUNTY SUITE

SOME OF YOUR BLOOD

A play based on Theodore Sturgeon's famous and disturbing novel. County Suite opens 6.30pm for audience to take seats. Play starts 7.00pm and runs for approximately 1 hour without interval. See full notes on page 11

12,30am (FRIDAY MORNING) 2.30AM CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PROGRAMME SHIVERS DEAD OF NIGHT

> VIDEO: IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AS WE GO TO PRESS TO GIVE A SCHEDULE FOR THE VIDEO PROGRAMME, THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH NOTICES AT THE COUNTY SUITE ENTRANCE AND ELSEWHERE, AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE THROUGH THE DAILY CONVENTION NEWSSHEET

		SORED BY BERKLEY BOOKS		
10.00am	11.00am	12.00noon	1.00pm	2.00 <sub>PM</sub>
THE PLEASURES AND PERILS  OF SERIES WRITING - panel  with Marion Zimmer Bradley,  ₹ A. Bertram Chandler, Anne  McCaffrey, Larry Niven	THE DRAGON - illustrated lecture by Peter	conversation with John Baxter	FIFTY YEARS OF SCIENCE FICTION panel with Alfred Bester, Terry Carr, Theodore Sturgeon Manly Wade Wellman, Jack Williamson	YESTERDATA: THE FUTURE AS AN OBSOLETE ASSUMPTION speech by John Brunner
SF IN RUSSIAlecture by Professor J. Kagarlitsky.	HA'PENNY MARVELS AND 'MODERN WONDERS: SF IN BRITISH COMICS illustrated talk by Denis Gifford	TEACH YOURSELF MASS EXTERMINATION: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO GENOCIDE talk by Dave Langford  t	Jim Slattery	CALL MY BLUFF panel game chaired by John Harvey and featuring the Pros (Robert Holdstock, Chris Priest, Bob Shaw) Vs the Fans (Malcolm Edwards, Roy Kettle, Pcter Roberts)
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PROGRAMM	1E	1	!	1
THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH		SON OF THE BLOB		PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK
HALL 4 - FAN PROGRAMME	I I	1		
	PANEL- AMERICAN FANDOM with Frank Denton, Suzle Tompkins and others	TAFF AND GUFF INTERVIEWS; Terry Hughes & John Foyster	BRITISH FANDOM CHAT SHOW: PART ONE, THE EARLY YEARS with Ken Bulmer, Ken Slater, Bob Tucker and others	(BREAK)
COUNTY SUITE		12.30pm		
VIDEO PROGRAMME		(Opens 12.00noon		C.J. CHERRYH reading from her work
AFTERNOON PROGRAMME SP	ONSORED BY SPHERE BOOK	S		_
3.00PM	4.00pm	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.00pm
CAN A MACHINE THINK? speech by Dr. Christopher Evans	MAN'S FUTURE IN SPACE panel with Ben Bova, Arthur C. Clarke, Joe Haldeman	THE ONLY UNNATURAL PRACTICE speech by Theodore Sturgeon	ALIEN	ENDS 7.30PM WITH SLIDES, FILM SWER SESSION,
	ARTIST PROFILE - Christopher Foss talks pe to Jim Slattery	BOOK AUCTION (See notes be		FANCY DRESS SLIDE SHOW Highlights of previous competitions

4.00PM	5.00PM	6.00PM	7.00PM
THE ROCKY HORROR P			
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ANNE MCCAFFREY reading from "The White Dragon"	JOE HALDEMAN reading "Blood Brothers"	· VIDEO PROGRAMM	1E
9.00pm	10.00рм	11.00рм	12.00рм
ΜE	STAR WARS		
	10.30pm		12.15am
	Brian Aldiss &	Fritz Leiber	PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE
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S PARTY WITH BOB SHAW BAR.	1		L LATE
2.00AM			
PROGRAMME	WEST NOTE AUGILIAN		
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	PROGRAMME THE ROCKY HORROR P QUESTION AND ANSWER SE  ANNE MCCAFFREY reading from "The White Dragon"  9.00 PM  PARTY WITH BOB SHAW BAR.  2.00 AM PROGRAMME	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH RICHARD O'BRIEN  ANNE MCCAFFREY reading from "The White Dragon"  9.00PM  10.00PM  STAR WARS  10.30PM  GUEST OF HONG Brian Aldiss & read from their  ENDS 10.00pm  PARTY WITH BOB SHAW BAR.  12.00AM PROGRAMME FIESH GORDON  SPECIAL NOTE: AUCTION ON ERIDAY AFTER	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW FOLLOWED BY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH RICHARD O'BRIEN  ANNE MCCAFFREY reading from "The White Dragon"  9.00pm  10.00pm  10.00pm  GUEST OF HONOUR READINGS Brian Aldiss & Fritz Leiber read from their work  10.30pm  GUEST OF HONOUR READINGS Brian Aldiss & Fritz Leiber read from their work  SPARTY WITH BOB SHAW BAR.  10.30pm  SPARTY WITH BOB SHAW LIVE MUSIC FROM SIREN, PLUS DISCO - BAR UNTIL

saturday 25th august	MORNING PROGRAMME SPO	ONSORED BY NEW ENGLISH	LIBRARY	
10.00am	11.00am	12.00 NOON	1.00pm	2.00pm
CONAN: ILLUSION & REALITY speech by L Sprague de Camp	GUEST OF HONOUR PROFILE Fritz Leiber in conversation with Chelsea Quinn Yarbro		EFFECTS ON FILM	GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH BRIAN ALDISS
MORFOLK ROOM	1	1	4	
STARTS 9.30AM - BUSINESS MEETING	FILM CRITICS - panel with John Baxter, John Brosnan, Denis Gifford, Philip Strick	A NEW DISCOVERY IN ARCHAEOLOGY - amazing revelations by Wilson Tucker AT 12,30PM -	1 1 1 1	(BREAK)
	1 1 1	DAN DARE - PILOT OF THE F slide presentation by Ala followed by discussion wi Frank Hampson	n Vince,	
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PRO	<u>OGRAMME</u>	1		
THE MYSTERIANS		THE CAR		THE MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT
HALL 4 - FAN PROGRAMME	FANNISH WRITING - panel with Dave Langford, Roy Kettle, Don West, Terry Hughes	FAN ARTISTS' PANEL - Alexis Gilliland, Harry Bell, Bill Rotsler, Jim Barker	BRITISH FANDOM CHAT SHOW: PART TWO, THE FANNISH FIFTIES with Eric Benceliffe, Terry Carr, Bob Shaw & others	( BREAK)
COUNTY SUITE VIDEO PROGRAMME			JOHN BRUNNER reading	JACK CHALKER reading from his work
AFTERNOON PROGRAMME S	SPONSORED BY GRANADA PUB	BLISHING		
3.00pm	4.00pm	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.00pm
THE ALIEN CONDITION - panel with Gregory Benford, C.J. Cherryh, Joan Vinge, Ian Watson, James White	THE VIEW FROM SERENDIP illustrated lecture by Arthur C. Clarke i	'LOOKING BACKWARD INTO THE 'FUTURE: SF IN THE LAST 'DECADE - AND THE NEXT 'speech by Norman Spinrad	'(END OF AFTERNOON PROGRA	MWE)

3.00PM NORFOLK ROOM 3.30PM ART AUCTION		ACROSS THE GALAXY BY TARDIS AND THUMB - Douglas Adams and Chris Priest in		
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PROGRAMME	THE PHILIP STRICK SHOWN	√ FEATURING RARE,	QUATERMASS & THE PI	T,EPISODES 1-3
HALL 4 - FAN PROGRAMME		0 =		
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COUNTY SUITE  ROBERT SILVERBERG reading from "Lord Valentine's Castle"	LISA TUTTLE reading from "Windhaven" by George R.R. Martin & Lisa Tuttle	LARRY NIVEN reading from his work 5.30pm VIDEO P	ROGRAMME	ENDS 7.30pm
			HALL 2	- STARTING 7.30PM FANCY DRESS - PREJUDGING AND PHOTOGRAPHY
8,00pm hall 1 - main programme	9.00pm FANCY DRESS PARADE - 1	10.00pm MASTER OF CEREMONIES: W	11.00PM ilson Tucker	12,00pm midnight THE SPACE MOVIE
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PRO	GRAMME	I		
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2.00am <u>CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PRO</u> THE THING FROM OUTER				

sunday 26th august M	ORNING PROGRAM <b>M</b> E SPONSO	RED BY PAN BOUKS		
10.00am	11.00am	12,00 NOON	1.00pm	2.00PM
with Poul Anderson,	Guest of Honour Profile: BRIAN ALDISS IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARLES PLATT	EAU DE CLONE: BIZARRE BIOLOGICAL REVELATIONS A Serious Scientific Lecture by Mr Bob Shaw	Tohn Pouton Door	GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH: FRITZ LEIBER
NORFOLK ROOM STARTS 9.30AM - SITE SELECTION MEETING	SF IN FRANCE - panel with Elisabeth Gille, Maxim Jakubowski, Elisabeth Vonarburg, Daniel Walther Ian Watson.	Patrick Woodroffe talks to Jim Slattery	INVENTION OF THREE ALIENS talk by Dr Jack Cohen	S (BREAK)
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PRO	GRAMME	t - 1	I	) 
THE PEOPLE THAT TIME	FORGOT	'NIGHT OF THE EAGLE		THE DAY THE EARTH CAUGHT FIRE
HALL 4 - FAN PROGRAMME	THE FUTURE OF FANDOM - panel with Mike Glicksohn Joseph Nicholas & others		BRITISH FANDOM CHAT SHOW: PART THREE, RECENT EVENTS with Harry Bell, Peter Roberts & others	i
COUNTY SUITE		1		
VIDEO PROGRAMME		12.30рм		
		SOME OF YOUR E		ROBERT L. FORWARD reading from "Dragon's Egg"
AFTERNOON PROGRAMME	SPONSORED BY VICTOR GOL	_ANCZ_LTD	1	
3.00РМ	4.00PM	5.00pm	6,00РМ	7,00pm
A LITERATURE OF IMAGINATION - panel with Richard Cowper, Thomas M. Disch, Vonda McIntyre, Peter Nicholls, Christopher Priest	' Alfred Bester	DIALOGUE: FREDERIK POHL & ROBERT SILVERBERG	'6.15pm INVASION OF	THE BODY SNATCHERS
NORFOLK ROOM  3.30PM ART AUCTION	1	SKYHOOKS, BEANSTALKS, ORBITAL TOWERS AND THE COSMIC FUNICULAR - talk by Charles Sheffield	THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE Another chance to hear radio series	TO THE GALAXY, PART TWO the second half of the ENDS 8,00PM

3.00pm	4.00pm	5.00pm	6.00pm	7.00 pm
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PRO	GRAMME			
	QUATERMASS & THE PIT -	- EPISODES 4 - 6		
HALL 4 - FAN PROGRAMME		1		
DISCUSSION: TRANSATLANTIC FANDOM - chaired by Rob Jackson	DISCUSSION: INTERNATIONAL FANDOM	1 1		
COUNTY SUITE		1		
FREDERIK POHL reading from his work	JOAN D. VINGE reading from "View from a Height"	' IAN WATSON reading from "God's World"	(END OF PROGRAMME)	
WINTER GARDENS BALLROOM			6.30pm for 7.00p BANQUET - TOASTM	
8.00рм	9.00pm	10.00рм	11.00рм	12.00рм
HALL 1 - MAIN PROGRAMME		HUGO AWARD PRESENTATI MONIES: BOB SHAW	IONS	
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PRO	GRAMME	1		1
8.30pm THE ST	EPFORD WIVES	10.30pm WAR OF	THE WORLDS	THE QUATERMASS CONCLUSION EPISODE ONE
1.00am				
HALL 1 _ FILM		-		
ERASERHEAD				

monday 27th august PF	ROGRAMME SPONSORED BY	OMNI PUBLICATIONS.		
10.00am	11.00AM	12.00 NOON	1.00pm	2.00pm
HALL 1 - MAIN PROGRAMME	NEW DIRECTIONS IN SF AND FANTASY PUBLISHING - panel with Ian Ballantine Roger Dean, Harry Harrison & others		MADNESS & METAPHYSICS - panel with Terry Carr, R.A. Lafferty, Robert Sheckley, Ian Watson	SF AND THE REST OF THE WORLD - panel with John Brunner, Sam Lundwall, Donald A. Wollheim and Maxim Jakubowski
NORFOLK ROOM STARTS 9.30AM WORLD SF MEETING	SF IN LATIN AMERICA TALK BY HECTOR PESSINA	FINAL AUCTION	( APPROX) END OF PROGRAM	ME
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PROG	GRAMME			1
THE MAN WHO COULD WORK	MIRACLES	CAPTAIN KRONOS: VAMP	IRE HUNTER	THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR
1	PAAFF: POLLS, AWARDS AND FAN FUNDS - pane with John Foyster, Bruce Pelz and others.	l A FAN GROUP	(END OF FAN PROGRAMME)	
COUNTY SUITE				
VIDEO PROGRAMME			THROUGH UNTIL 6	5.00рм
3.00pm	4.00рм	5,00pm	6.00рм	7.00pm
THE STARS OR BUST: THE FUTURE OF THE SF BOOM - panel with Alfred Bester, Ben Bova, Joe Haldeman, Frederik Pohl.	CLOSING CEREMONIES			
CLARENCE ROOM - FILM PROG	RAMME		1	
1	MR FREEDOM		'TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEA	AMING FILM PROGRAMME ENDS APPROX. 8.00PM

#### SOME OF YOUR BLOOD

Professional theatre is not often to be found at sf conventions, and we are thus pleased to be able to present performances of this play, based on Theodore Sturgeon's famous and disturbing novel. SOME OF YOUR BLOOD received excellent reviews during its run at the Bush Theatre in London (when it went under the title PSYCHOSIS UNCLASSIFIED). The play runs for approximately an hour, without interval, and will be performed four times during the convention. (The reason for this is that it does not lend itself to performance in a large hall, and we want to give as many attendees as possible the chance to see it.) The times given in the programme are the times when the performances will actually commence: there is an allowance of half an hour beforehand (15 minutes on Saturday) to enable the audience to take their seats. This is a very intense piece of theatre, and once a performance is under way there will be NO admittance to the room. We do urge you to see it.

CREDITS: SCME OF YOUR BLOOD, from the novel by Theodore Sturgeon, adapted for the stage by Ken Campbell, Chris Fairbank and John Joyce

CAST:

THE PSYCHIATRIST .....JOHN JOYCE GEORGE ......CHRIS FAIRBANK

DIRECTED BY KEN CAMPBELL

A SCIENCE FICTION THEATRE OF LIVERPOOL PRODUCTION

(The Science Fiction Theatre of Liverpool is a unique theatrical enterprise, the brainchild of the equally unique Ken Campbell. It began its life with an acclaimed adaptation of Shea and Wilson's ILLUMINATUS, and continued with such productions as an opera based on Lovecraft's THE CASE OF CHARLES DEXTER WARD, a stage version of THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY, and, weighing in at 22 hours and accredited by the GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS as the longest play ever performed, THE WARP, which will be running at the Edinburgh Festival around the time of Seacon. A video recording of the HITCHHIKER production (made under theatrical conditions and thus not of professional quality) will be shown during the convention. Watch the Video schedule for times.).

#### SEACON SIGNING SESSIONS (HALL 3 - BOOK ROOM - UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

#### FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST

- 1.00pm THOMAS M. DISCH, NORMAN SPINRAD
- 2.00pm A, BERTRAM CHANDLER, WILSON TUCKER
- 3.00pm gregory benford, Joan Vinge
- 4.00PM KARL EDWARD WAGNER, MANLY WADE WELLMAN
- 5.00pm MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY, TANITH LEE, HARRY HARRISON AND JIM BURNS (HALL 7)

#### SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST

- 11,00AM 1,00PM FREDERIK POHL (SESSION SPONSORED BY GOLLANCZ, PUBLISHERS OF THE WAY THE FUTURE WAS
- 11,00am LARRY NIVEN, JERRY POURNELLE
- 12.00 JACK CHALKER, JACK WILLIAMSON
- 1.00PM POUL ANDERSON, L. SPRAGUE DE CAMP
- 3.00PM JOHN BRUNNER, JOE HALDEMAN
- 3,30-5,30pm brian aldiss (session sponsored by granada publishing)
- 4.00pm R.A. LAFFERTY, ROBERT SHECKLEY
- 5.00PM BOB SHAW, JAMES WHITE

- SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST
- 11,00A4-1,00PM BEN BOVA (SESSION SPONSORED BY MAGNUM BOOKS, PUBLISHERS OF COLONY
- 11.00AM C.J. CHERRYH, VONDA MCINTYRE
- 12,00 ALFRED BESTER
- 1.00pm CHRISTOPHER PRIEST, IAN WATSON
- 3.00pm TERRY CARR, ROBERT SILVERBERG
- 3.30pm-5.30pm FRITZ LEIBER
- 4.00PM ANNE MCCAFFREY
- 5.00pm THEODORE STURGEON

ADDITIONAL SIGNING SESSIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONVENTION, THESE WILL INCLUDE A SERIES OF SIGNINGS IN THE DRAGON'S WORLD EXHIBITION IN HALL 6.

# ONLY THE BEST SCIENCE FICTION

#### HOW TO BEAT STURGEON'S LAW

Theodore Sturgeon's Law: 90% of everything is rubbish!

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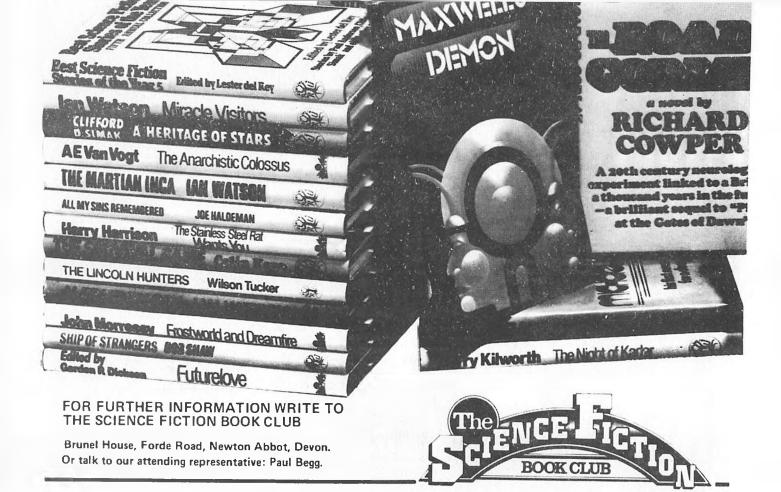
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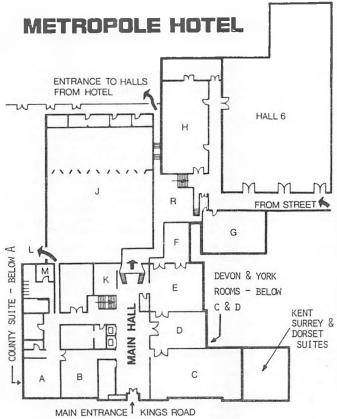
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### **SEACON: CONFERENCE** AND EXHIBITION HALLS m HALL 3 l wc HALL 1 HALL 2 Concourse lifts HALL 7 GROUND FLOOR PLAN Street Level Access ENTRANCE FROM HOTEL METROPOLE wc wc WC 重 IIII HALL4 HALL 3 -GALLERY HALL 1- GALLERY LOBBY lifts HALL 8 пппп FIRST FLOOR PLAN wc wc Gallery 4 Gallery 8 First Floor 3 2 7 Ground Floor 6 CROSS SECTION OF HALLS Hotel/Street Level



**CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION** HALLS

**HALL 1 & GALLERY** 

Main Convention Programme/ Selected Feature Films/Fancy Dress (Saturday evening) / Hugo Presentation (Sunday evening)

HALL 2 (Ground floor)
Bar and lounge/Fancy Dress
assembly and changing area, plus pre-judging and photography (Saturday evening)

HALL 3 & GALLERY Book Dealers/Huckster's tables

HALL 4 (First floor)

Fandom Room and Programme

HALL 6 (Hotel / Street level) Dragon's Dream / Paper Tiger Art Exhibition

HALL 7 (Ground Floor) Young Art Show/Film Exhibit/ Artists Special Exhibit

WINTER GARDEN Bar and lounge. Snacks and refreshments

#### METROPOLE HOTEL GUIDE

A Resident's Lounge

B The Buttery

Luncheons and Dinners C The Cameo Room

Breakfast and meals throughout the dav

D/E Cocktail Bar/Ambassador Room

The main convention bar area, open until late. 24 hour lounge service for drinks and other refreshments

F Primrose Room

Registration Room G Norfolk Room

Alternative programme items

H Clarence Room

Main film programme J The Winter Garden Ballroom Friday evening: Disco/Dance Saturday evening: Banquet K Churchill Room

Convention Information Office

L Ladies Hairdressing

M Men's Hairdressing

R Bar/Photography Display

Starlit Room 7th Floor Gourmet cuisine On a preliminary visit to the Metropole Conference Centre our Chairman went unaccountably missing for several hours Unfortunately he eventually turned up - with some story of being lost in labyrinthine corridors which seemed to obey the dictates of a strange alien geometry, and of encountering several staircases on which he appeared to descend eternally

These plans are intended as a quide to the layout of the conference halls and hotel convention facilities and we hope it may prevent a similar fate befalling our members. If you should feel panic setting in at any stage, however head for the main information office in the Churchill Room (K) Alternatively if you see someone about with a silly badge proclaiming them to be a SEACON RUNNER, try buttonholing them and asking them to point you in the right direction. They're our Gophers and they should have a reasonable grasp of the hotel geography

For timings of individual programme items and information on the various Shows, Exhibits, Functions, and Events you should of course consult your Pocket Programme.

#### **ART SHOW**

The main Art Show will be mounted in Hall 7 on the ground floor.

There will be two art show auctions: 3.30-5.00pm on Saturday and on Sunday Written bids may be made beforehand in the art show hall. Only a selection of the material on display will be offered for

Payment for purchased art may be in traveller's cheques in sterling, sterling cheques backed with a banker's card, or by cash Cheques or cash in any other currency except sterling cannot be accepted

The art show awards will be made bu popular vote and ballots will be available at the art show administration desk in Hall 7

#### OLD SHIP HOTEL

Originally a simple Inn at the heart of the fishing village of Brighthelmstone, the "Old Ship" first became famous during the 17th century when a former Innkeeper saved the life of Charles II. The hotel grew with the popularity of Brighton and during the 18th century became a well-known coaching Inn for travellers on their way to France.

There are two bars - the spacious TETTERSELLS on the ground floor and the small, intimate 'below-decks' GALLEY BAR.

#### THE BEDFORD HOTEL

The Bedford Hotel is a modern, spacious luxury hotel. There are beautiful views of Brighton's senfront from the terrace

The Bedford Restaurant offers an excellent table d'hôte menu, and some original letters written by Charles Dickens to the first Bedford Hotel. which used to occupy this site, are displayed in the comfortable Dickens

Underground parking is available for 100 vehicles.

#### SEACON '79 FILM NOTES

As you will see from the programme, we are showing films almost continually from 10.00am to 4.00am throughout the convention — usually in the Clarence Room, but with special items in Hall 1. The films below are those we intend to show assuming that Securicor, the Post Office, Customs & Excise and the staff of the distribution departments realize that we do actually want the films to arrive when ordered. Any unavoidable changes in the film programme will be announced as early and as widely as possible.

The Feature films will not start before their appointed times. The lengths of these films are given below, so that hardened movie fans can arrange suitable breaks. The short films listed will be used to fill gaps but no advance notice can be given of when particular shorts will be shown.

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THE FILMS LISTED BELOW ARE IN ORDER OF SCREENING

Film Programme/Notes by John Brosnan & Roy Kettle.

# THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH (Nicholas Roeg, 1976)

Roeg's treatment of Walter Tevis's straightforward novel is needlessly confusing and often pretentious, but remains a brilliant achievement, particularly on a purely visual level. David Bowie is physically perfect as the ethereal alien who comes to Earth to obtain help for his dying world but is destroyed in the process - a victim of high-intensity culture-shock. Script by Roeg and Paul Mayersberg; also stars Candy Clark, Buck Henry and Rip Torn (140 mins)

#### BRIGHT SEGMENT

A French made-for-TV film based on Theodore Sturgeon's famous short story. Reportedly a tour de force. Sturgeon himself will be presenting the film, prefacing and following it with readings from the story.

#### PHASE IV (Saul Bass, 1974)

Nigel Davenport tries to outwit a number of ants being influenced by an alien intelligence in this beautifully photographed movie. Mayo Simon's script has some serious flaws and the film wasn't helped by the distributors cutting off the spectacular, surreal montage at the end of the film which showed what life would be like on the "new" Earth.

#### SUPERMAN (Richard Donner, 1978)

You'll believe a man can make millions of dollars. Superman-the-Movie is big and impressive but perhaps disappointing to comics fans - the first third wasn't the Krypton we knew. However, Christopher Reeve is knockout as the adult Kent/ Superman and only the usually-reliable Gene Hackman as a cast-off Batman villain fails. Jolly good special effects from, amongst others, Derek Meddings. Written at various times by Mario Puzo (of Godfather fame), David Newman, Leslie Newman and Robert Benton. Hugo nominee. (143 mins)

#### SHIVERS (David Cronenberg, 1974)

(Also known as The Parasite Murders and They Came From Within (!)) The ultimate bad taste movie - it starts with a mad scientist strangling a young girl, cutting her open with a scalpel, pouring acid into her and then cutting his throat with the same scalpel. And that's only for starters. The culprits are nasty little slug-like creatures that are transmitted from person to person during oral contact, turning their victims into raving sex-maniacs. They slowly spread through a large apartment building and everyone starts behaving as if they're at a science fiction convention. Not for the squeamish or people without a sense of black humour. Written by David Cronenberg. (87mins)

DEAD OF NIGHT (Basil Deardon, Cavalcanti, Charles Chrichton and Robert Hamer, 1945)

Recent episodic horror films don't bear comparison with this, neither does Magic, even though one sequence brilliantly stars Michael Redgrave as a possibly crazy ventriloguist. The other episodes are generally good ghost stories and the linking theme is particularly atmospheric. (104 mins)

#### THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH Chuck Jones and Abe Lewitow, 1969)

As a movie for kids this is infinitely better than THE BEAST WITH HUGE THINGS. Chuck Jones did Bugs Bunny cartoons and this is a reputedly good feature following the adventures of a small boy whisked away in a magic tollbooth (which sounds suspiciously like the Tardis). (89 mins)

#### SON OF THE BLOB (Larry Hagman, 1972)

(AKA 'Beware! The Blob') Essentially a Hollywood home movie, a cheapo sequel to 'The Blob' featuring a lot of guest stars being absorbed for laffs by a pile of mobile Jello. Written by Jack Woods and Anthony Harris and stars Robert Walker Jnr, Gwynne Gilford, with cameos by Burgess Meredith, Carol Lynley, Godfrey Cambridge, Shelley Berman and Fred Smoot. (81 mins)

#### PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK (Peter Weir, 1975)

Like 'Duel' the atmosphere of this one makes it an ideal compliment to a sf programme. A very sensual film about a school for young women in Australia with a compelling sense of the alien. Not a sop for the Aussies but a film to draw even the most hardened drunkards from the bar ( even the Australians).

#### ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (Jim Sharman, 1975)

Tim Curry plays the Transvestite from Transexual Transylvania and Richard O'Brien, apart from having written the original THE MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT thing, plays his draculoid manservant Riffraff who eventually arrests him for intergalactic misconduct. Lots of sex and drugs and rock and roll and cinematic references. Richard O'Brien will be making a personal appearance immediately after the screening to discuss the movie.

#### ALLEGRO NON TROPPO (Bruno Bozzetto, 1976)

A very nicely and amusingly animated Italian parody of Fantasia which would be 100% worth seeing if it wasn't for some indifferent Italian live action comedy in between the animations. (80 mins)

STAR WARS (George Lucas, 1977)

A little-known obscure American sf art movie. (121 mins)

# PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE (Brian de Palma, 1974)

The Phantom of the Opera and Faust combined and updated with good Paul Williams songs in one of the most entertaining films of the seventies. The Paradise is a new rock club haunted by William Finley (the gangling telepath in The Fury) whose face and sanity have been destroyed in a record press. Paul Williams plays the immortal Swann who steals Finley's songs. Written by Brian de Palma. (91 mins)

#### FLESH GORDON (Michael Benveniste, Howard Ziehm and Walter R. Cichy, 1973)

Began life as a cheap hard core porn movie and ended up as a very soft core and expensive send-up of Flash Gordon and an infinitely better film than it might otherwise have been. Lots of the jokes work and the special effects are period and often impressive. Great animation sequences, especially the homage to King Kong at the end of the film. (84 mins).

#### THE CAR (Elliot Silverstein, 1977)

A marvellous rip-off of 'Duel' which surprisingly didn't do better on release. A mysterious low-slung black sedan roars out of a dust-storm and is soon flattening lots of people, apparently for the sheer heck of it - eventually it even wipes out the hero's beautiful young fiance (Kathleen Lloyd) by driving straight through her living room. Don't miss it. Written by Dennis Shryack, Michael Butler and Lane Slate and starring James Brolin. (97 mins)

# (Alexander Mackendrick, 1951)

Typically low-key British approach to sf the problems created by new technology of post-war Britain. Alec Guinness plays the inventor of an artificial everlasting fibre unable to forsee its social impact. Subtle comedy and stiff upper lips in evidence throughout. (87 mins).

# QUATERMASS & THE PIT (Rudolph Cartier, 1958)

The excellent BBC production of Nigel Kneale's screenplay. Prehistoric aliens are awakened by the Professor to once again threaten humanity. Many in the current generation of British sf fans used to be sent to bed by their parents when this was originally shown, but crept downstairs to listen outside the door. Now they can get the pictures as well and some of them are pretty spooky. Andre Morell plays Quatermass and a big hole plays The Pit. (shown in 2 two-hour sessions of 3 episodes each).

JUBILEE (Derek Jarman, 1978)
Possibly not one for juniors. Queen
Elizabeth I, played by Jenny Runacre,
is transported to a punk future of
yet more sex, drugs and rock and roll.
With Wayne County, Adam Ant, Little Nell
and the Slits. (104 mins).

DARK STAR ( John Carpenter, 1974)

Dan O'Bannon co-wrote this with John Carpenter and also did the original treatment for Alien. There are similarities in the plot, but while Alien is a one-note exercise in horror, Dark Star amusingly satirizes lots of sf cliches as well as creating a unique mood of its own. As true to the spirit of sf as Kelly Freas drawings in old Astoundings. (90 mins).

SPACE MOVIE ( Tony Palmer, 1979)

An enthralling montage of NASA footage, 90% never previously released. Shown only once before on tv during a less-than-prime viewing time. Music by Mike Oldfield.

THE THING (Christian Nyby, 1951)

The hand of Howard Hawks was involved in much of the direction of this fast moving horror version of John Campbell jnr's 'Who Goes There?'. It strongly influenced subsequent sf movies during the 1950s and even Alien owes it a debt. Scripted by Charles Lederer and starring Kenneth Tobey, Margaret Sheridan and Robert Cornthwaite. The Thing itself( an intelligent vegetable from outer space) is played by James Arness. (87 mins)

# THE PEOPLE THAT TIME FORGOT (Kevin Connor, 1977)

One of the best in the series of fantasy films produced by John Dark. The production design occasionally gives one the impression of a series of Frazetta illustrations come to life. Another asset is Dana Gillespie and her costume. (We hope to have Ms Gillespie at the convention but without her costume, unfortunately... that is, I mean...) (90 mins).

NIGHT OF THE EAGLE (Sidney Hayers, 1961)

Janet Blair and Peter Wyngarde star in this very reasonable adaptation of Fritz Leiber's 'Conjure Wife'. Witchcraft is being practised at a college forcing a lecturer's wife to commit murder. (87 mins).

THE DAY THE EARTH CAUGHT FIRE (Val Guest, 1960)

A fearless Daily Express reporter uncovers a conspiracy of silence that makes Watergate look puny - nuclear tests have pushed the Earth out of orbit and it is now headed directly for the sun. ("A real scorcher!" said a contemporary reviewer). Scripted by Val Guest and Wolf Mankowitz and starring Edward Judd, Leo McKern, Janet Munro, and some authentic Fleet Street spear-carriers.

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS (Philip Kaufman, 1978)

Another Hugo nominee. Jack Finney's novel and Don Siegel's 1955 film refurbished with Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams, Leonard Nimoy and a big city background. Sutherland is altogether too passive a hero and the film lacks the 'closed-society' tension of its small-scale original model. Some slick effects tho'. Written by W.D. Richter. (115 mins).

THE STEPFORD WIVES (Bryan Forbes, 1974)

An entertaining thriller based on Ira Levin's original novel. Katherine Ross's husband wants to replace her with a robot. If you can believe this unlikely sounding idea you can probably even believe you're having a good time watching the film. Proceed to the bar afterwards for remedial treatment. Script by William Goldman, also stars Peter Masterson and Paula Prentiss. (114 mins).

WAR OF THE WORLDS (Byron Haskin, 1953)

There isn't much similarity between this and H.G. Wells' novel but if you can ignore the dialogue, the acting of the heroine (Anne Robinson), and all the wires holding up the Martian war machines you should derive a lot of fun out of this typical George Pal production of the 1950s.

THE QUATERMASS CONCLUSION (Piers Haggard, 1979)

Special preview of the first episode of Nigel Kneale's new Quatermass serial (also to be a feature film). John Mills plays the eponymous Professor. Also stars Simon MacCorkindale and Barbara Kellerman.

#### ERASERHEAD ( David Lynch, 1976)

Another one for adult-viewing only. This film captures all the horror of nightmare, together with some of the humour of Monty Python and the imagery of New Wave fiction. Henry Spencer's girlfriend gives birth to a freak forcing Henry to do the right thing and live with her. Henry retreats into a fantasy world behind a radiator where a lady with cancerous cheeks dances on huge spermatozoae. Either not to be missed or not to be seen. Written by David Lynch. (89 mins)

## THE MAN WHO COULD WORK MIRACLES (Lothar Meddes, 1936)

Roland Young plays the meek protagonist with the power to do (almost) anything and yet cannot affect the way people feel about him. A nice satire about the futility and corrupting effect of power, based on H. G. Wells' short story. Good special effects by Ned Mann. (80 mins)

# CAPTAIN KRONOS: VAMPIRE HUNTER (Brian Clemens, 1974)

Rarely seen (on tv next week) off-beat sword and sorcery movie. Not run-of-the-mill Hammer horror but rather an occult swashbuckler, Captain Kronos being a student of Zen who destroys vampires with a silver sword. Stylish, amusing and even witty at times. Written by Brian Clemens and starring Horst Janson, John Carson and Caroline Munro (who is now of course infamous as Stella Star in 'Starcrash'). (91 mins)

# THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR (Robert Clouse, 1975)

Nasty, violent, unpleasant - but good fun. Yul Brynner plays the same sort of implacable, irresistable force he did in 'Westworld' - casually despatching 20 or 30 men during the film on behalf of Max Von Sydow and his motley followers who are trying to survive in a brutal post-catastrophe New York. Good job the future won't really be like this, eh? Scripted by Robert Clouse, it also stars William Smith as the villainous 'Carrot'. (94 mins).

#### MR FREEDOM (William Klein, 1968)

A French film with English dialogue starring Donald Pleasance and Delphine Seyrig. A "futuristic pop extravaganza" and a "satirical comic strip on a Way of Life that is really a Way of Death". Despite this it could be good. This may be your only chance to miss it. (94 mins)

# TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING (Robert Aldrich, 1977)

Burt Lancaster plays a renegade American army general who takes over a nuclear missile base in an attempt to force the government to reveal the real reasons behind America's involvement in the Vietnam war. An interesting variation on the theme of Dr. Strangelove but unlike Kubrick, Aldrich treats it completely straight. Considered purely as a thriller it works very well and the set pieces are handled with skill by the director. Contains several moments of nail-biting tension. And it is compatible with most futurologists' prognostications that This is the Way It Could End. Written by Ronald M. Cohen and Edward Huebsch and stars Richard Widmark and Charles Durning. (122 mins).

FINALLY, IF YOU WERE LOOKING FOR A BLURB ON "THE MYSTERIANS" IN BETWEEN "FLESH GORDON" AND "THE CAR", THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL FIND IT:

# THE MYSTERIANS (Inoshiro Honda, 1957)

Japanese title: Chikyu Boeigun. A sort of Japanese 'Star Wars' produced by those lovable people who brought you Godzilla and various other sweating men in rubber suits. The story, such as it is, concerns evil aliens who kidnap Earth women with the intention of breeding with them (Earth men, they're not crazy about). Ends in a pyrotechnic display of loony special effects. Particularly impressive is the robot that resembles a giant metal aardvark. The dubbing is execrable. (In fact, why did we choose this film, Roy? What do you mean it was my idea? thought you ticked it in the catalogue. Well, whose writing is that, then...).

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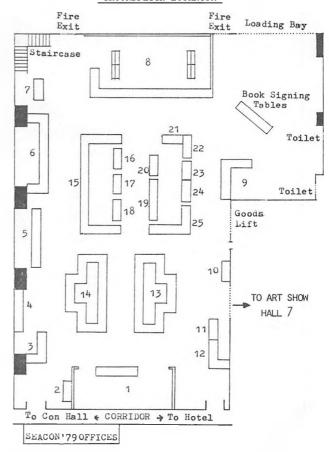
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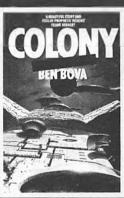
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