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MINICON 46 is just around the bend, and we have author Charles Stross and musician Chas Somdahl as our Guests of Honor. As usual, our home will be the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Minneapolis on Easter weekend, April 22-24, 2011. For details, visit our website at www.mnstf.org/minicon46/.

Guests

Charles Stross is our Author Guest of Honor. He is a recent Hugo winner for his novella "Palimpsest", and has a string of hit science fiction novels including *Saturn's Children* and the *Laundry* series. He is visiting us from Edinburgh, Scotland to see how Midwest Americans like to party.

Chas Somdahl is our Musician Guest of Honor, and he is a well-known favorite at conventions across the country. Fans will be able to see him perform at the con as part of the group Riverfolk, and at the late night music circles and jam sessions.

Hotel

Reserve your room early for the best rates. The Sheraton Bloomington Hotel is giving us a discount rate for reservations made by March 31.

If you're interested in a poolside cabana, it's best to contact our parties head at parties@minicon45.mnstf.org. Reserve other rooms by calling the Sheraton at 952-835-7800 or visit www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/minicon46.

Registration

We are offering preregistration rates until March 31st:

\$45 Adult (21+)	\$30 Student (13 - 20)
\$20 Kid (6 - 12)	\$ 0 Child (0 - 5)
\$15 Supporting Membership (upgradeable at the door)	

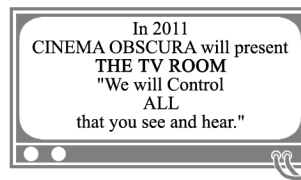
At www.mnstf.org/minicon46/register you can register online or get a printable registration form you can mail to us with a check. Please register early, to help us plan our events and food. Be sure to tell us if you'd like to be a volunteer at the con!

Gaming

The gaming room will be open continuously throughout the convention. There will be Wii and PS3 games, Guitar Hero, Sanctioned and casual Magic: The Gathering events, and a large collection of other open games and scheduled events.



TV and Movies



Music

This will be a music-filled Minicon, with a Guest of Honor Jam Band concert and appearances by more con favorites. The scheduled performers will be listed at www.mnstf.org/minicon46/music.



Art Submissions Needed

Last but not least, we have no artist Guest of Honor this year, so we are looking for art to put on badges, the program book, and on the official Minicon 46 t-shirt! Art deadline is January 15, 2011. Full details available at www.mnstf.org/minicon46/.

See you at the con!

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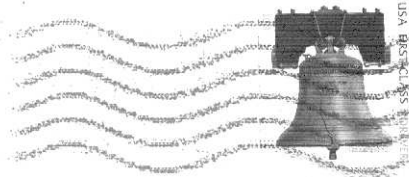
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