

NESFA'S REGIONAL SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

BOSKONE 53

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2016

THE BOSTON WESTIN WATERFRONT HOTEL
THE LONGEST-RUNNING SF CONVENTION IN NEW ENGLAND!

GUEST OF HONOR:

GARTH NIX

OFFICIAL ARTIST:

**RICHARD
ANDERSON**

FEATURED FILKERS:

**VIXY &
TONY**

SPECIAL GUESTS:

**ARNIE FENNER &
CATHY BURNETT FENNER**

NESFA PRESS GUEST:

BOB EGGLETON

Membership

Adult: **\$50**

College Student: **\$35**

K-12 Student: **\$25**

Pre-registration deadline:
January 20, 2016

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BOSKONE 53 PROGRESS REPORT #1

INTRODUCING

Boskone 53 is New England's longest running classic science fiction & fantasy convention for the whole family, drawing program participants from North America, Europe, and beyond. Join us **February 19-21, 2016**, at the Westin Waterfront Hotel in Boston, MA.

OUR GUESTS

Our Guest of Honor, **Garth Nix** is a children's and YA fantasy writer. His writing is smart and engaging for all ages. The Old Kingdom is his latest series, including the books *Sabriel*, (winner of the 1995 Aurealis Award for both Fantasy Novel and Young Adult Novel), *Lireal*, *Abhorsen*, and *Clarel*. He's also written the Seventh Tower series, the Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz series, and the wonderful Keys to the Kingdom series. With Sean Williams he wrote the Trouble Twisters series. He's also written three stand-alone novels: *The Ragwitch*, *Shade's Children*, and *Newt's Emerald*.

For over 10 years, our Official Artist, **Richard Anderson**, has been creating cover illustrations for Tor, Orbit, Random House, and Nightshade. He was a Senior Concept Artist for Rocksteady Studios, Framstore Film (*Thor: The Dark World*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Gravity*, *Edge of Tomorrow*, *Paddington*), and MPC Film (*Prometheus*, *47 Ronin*, *World War Z*). He's done many interior illustrations for *Analog*. He received the Gold Award in *Spectrum* for 2011.

Boskone's Special Guests are **Cathy and Arnie Fenner**, members of the *Spectrum* team, and Directors from 1993-2003. They set a new standard for scope for speculative art books with *Spectrum: The Best in*

Contemporary Fantastic Art, which they have produced for 20 years. Since 1994, Cathy and Arnie have been delivering the best images from science fiction, fantasy, and horror artists into the hands of art lovers via their annual publication of a beautiful, full-color book of art. In addition, Arnie has been an artist or artistic director for a number of companies, including Hallmark Cards, Andrews McMeel Publishing, the Jankus/Tiber advertising agency, and Mark V. Ziesing Books. Together they have received 10 Locus Awards, a World Fantasy Award, and two Chesley Awards for Art Direction.

Our Featured Filkers are the talented **Vixy and Tony**, a pair of musicians from Seattle. Since 2005, they have performed acoustic folk/rock/filk at SF/Fantasy conventions, including Orycon and Baycon, filk conventions, coffee shops, and bookstores. Among the several Pegasus Awards they've received (for excellence in filking) are Best Performer in 2008 and Best Writer/Composer in 2009. In 2008, they produced a delightful album, *Thirteen*, featuring the songs "Emerald Green" (for which they received another Pegasus Award) and their rendition of "Mal's Song," the anthem of the *Firefly* series.

The NESFA Press Guest is the award-winning artist **Bob Eggleton**, who has been honored with the Hugo Award for Best Professional Artist eight times, first winning in 1994. He won the Hugo Award for Best Related Book in 2001 for his art book, *Greetings From Earth*. He has also won the Chesley Award for Artistic Achievement in 1999 and was the guest of honor at Chicon 2000. Bob's drawing and paintings include a wide range of science fiction, fantasy, and horror topics from space ships to alien

worlds, dragons, Godzilla, and more. Bob's work is commissioned, featured at science fiction conventions, and used as book covers.

OUR HOTEL

The Westin Waterfront Hotel is located at 425 Summer St., Boston, MA. Boskone's room rates: **\$162** single/double, **\$172** triple, **\$182** quad, **\$237** suite.

REGISTRATION

Online pre-registration rates are available through January 20, 2016: Adults **\$50**, College Students **\$35**, and K-12 Students **\$25**. Visit our website for day rates and a printable registration form.

PROGRAM

Boskone's program is known for its creativity, depth, and high-caliber speakers. Join in the fun as we discuss what's new in science fiction, fantasy, science, comics, media, art, music, and more!

EVENING EVENTS

Friday features Boskone's Opening Ceremony and Reception. Saturday includes our Featured Filkers Concert, the Multi-Author Book Party, the Awards Ceremony, and more!

GAMING

Our well-stocked gaming area provides more room for activities and fun. We will have everything from Agricola to Zombie Dice. Try your luck on the Atari, Genesis, Wii, Xbox 360, or PS3 systems. You can save the world with Pandemic, play Dominion to your heart's content, or try your luck at the Guru of the Game Tournament.

WHAT'S NEW?

Programming starts at 2pm on Friday, February 19. It will be **free** to the public from 2-6pm! Memberships are

required after 6pm on Friday and for the duration of the convention.

WAIT, THERE'S MORE

We have a media room dedicated to showing TV, anime, and films: an expanded young adult program; and a heavy-hitting art program that is a "can't miss" event for art lovers! Show off your costume for a chance to win a Hall Costume Ribbon from our roving judges.

ART SHOW

The Boskone Art Show is consistently one of the best around, featuring professional and amateur artists from across the country. Not only can you enjoy the elaborate SF and fantasy-themed artwork, you can bid on and buy many of these original works of art and learn about each piece during guided tours.

DEALERS' ROOM

Looking to buy something cool? You'll find it in our shopping area packed with amazing and fantastic objects that you simply can't get online. Vendors include booksellers, artists, small presses, games, jewelry, and, of course, NESFA Press.

DRAGONSLAIR

DragonsLair is our program for young fans. Here you'll find readings, toys, games, crafts, talks, and hands-on demos designed to appeal to elementary school-aged children.

CON SUITE

The center of Boskone is the Con Suite. Grab a snack, have a conversation, or relax and watch the con go by. You can also participate in Kaffeeklatsches—group discussions with our participants—or get that special book signed by your favorite author!

REGISTRATION FORM

name: _____

(Please attach additional membership names and addresses on separate sheets. Thank you!)

street address: _____

city: _____ state: _____ zip/postal code: _____

country: _____

email address: _____

☐ I have _____ child(ren) who will have membership(s) & be using Dragonslair, and their name(s)

& age(s) are: _____

☐ I have _____ kids in tow (under 6)

Please fill out the form below and mail it to Boskone, PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701, USA, or fax it to 617-776-3243. You can also register at www.boskone.org and pay via credit card or paypal. Prices good through 1/20/2016.

PAYMENT INFO

_____ Full membership(s) at \$50

_____ College membership(s) at \$35

_____ Student membership(s) at \$25 (grades K-12)

\$ _____ TOTAL PAYMENT

PAYING BY: ☐ check/money order (make out to "Boskone") ☐ credit card

credit card #: _____

exp. date: _____

name on card: _____

signature: _____