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Chicago selected site of 80th World Science Fiction Convention

The 80th World Science Fiction Convention, Chicon 8, will take place in Chicago, Illinois, USA from 1-5 September 2022. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <http://chicon.org>. All media releases are available at <http://chicon.org/home/about-worldcon/press-and-media/>.

The Guests of Honor for Chicon 8 are **Charles de Lint**, **Erle Korshak**, **Floyd Norman**, **Joe Siclari**, and **Edie Stern**. **Charlie Jane Anders** and **Annalee Newitz** will be serving as toastmasters. The convention will be chaired by **Helen Montgomery**.

Charles de Lint is the author of more than seventy adult, young adult, and children's books. He has been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by World Fantasy Con and his novels and short fiction has won the World Fantasy Award, the Aurora Award, the Prix Ozone, and the Sunburst Award.

Floyd Norman has worked for Disney Studios in a variety of roles on such films as *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Jungle Book*, and *Mulan*. In the 1960s, he co-founded Vignette Films to work on Sesame Street, Fat Albert, and films about Black history. He has earned the Fritz Freling Award for Lifetime Achievement for Excellence in Animation, the Winsor McCay Award, and the Inkpot Award.

Edie Stern has been a science fiction fan since 1959 and has served as the webmaster for the Fan History Project at FANAC.org. She also runs the Fan History YouTube Channel. Edie has run over 75 conventions from local cons to Worldcons, including running program for MagiCon, the 1992 Worldcon. In 2016, she and husband Joe Siclari, were the recipients of the Big Heart Award.

Joe Siclari has been involved in science fiction fandom since 1965. He chaired MagiCon, the 50th Worldcon, in 1992 and has worked at hundreds of other conventions. He has chaired the FANAC Fan History Project, which sponsors *Fancyclopedia 3*, and was the Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF) delegate in 2005. In 2016, he and his wife, Edie Stern, were the recipients of the Big Heart Award and Joe was also nominated for a Hugo for co-editing *Worldcon Guest of Honor Speeches* with Mike Resnick.

Erle Korshak has been a science fiction fan since 1934 and served as secretary and acting chair at the second Worldcon, the Chicon, in 1940. He co-founded Shasta Publishers, one of the first science fiction specialty presses, which published works by Robert Heinlein, Murray Leinster, and L. Sprague de Camp. After stepping away from fandom, he returned in the 1980s and revived Shasta as Shasta-Phoenix. He was inducted into the First Fandom Hall of Fame in 1996.

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Charlie Jane Anders is the Hugo and Nebula Award winning author of *All the Birds in the Sky* and *The City in the Middle of the Night*. Along with her partner, Annalee Newitz, she co-founded the science fiction blog io9. She won a second Hugo for Best Fancast for *Our Opinions Are Correct*, which she produces with Newitz.

Annalee Newitz is the author of the novels *Autonomous* and *The Future of Another Timeline*. They co-founded the science fiction blog io9 with their partner, Charlie Jane Anders. Along with Anders, they won a Hugo for the Best Fancast for *Our Opinions Are Correct*. Newitz is also the founder of the Post-World War II American Literature and Culture Database.

World Science Fiction Conventions are annual gatherings of fans including writers, artists, editors, and academics. They are organized by not-for-profit groups who raise the money to run them with ticket and advertising sales. The event moves to a different location each year. In 2022, Chicago will host the Worldcon for a record eighth time.

The Hugo Awards are the highlight of the convention, recognizing notable works from the past year. However, other awards are often presented at Worldcons, which also include many panel discussions, presentations, and workshops related to literature, history, science, and the arts, as well as an art show, a masquerade, film screenings, and concerts. The site of the Worldcon two years in the future is also announced, after voting concludes.

Chicon 8 expects to draw members from more than 50 countries and host more than 5,000 members.

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