

Urban Fantastic

Windycon 47 in 2020 will be celebrating the Urban Fantastic this year. Urban Fantasy is a subgenre in which urban elements feature strongly in the narrative. Many examples feature fantastic elements in a real-world urban setting, or modern urban features in secondary world fantasy.

There are urban fantastic verisons of many major cities. Our Author Guest of Honor, Ben Aaronovitch, primarily focuses on London, but Chicago is also the home to several series, imbuing our city with vampires, witches, wizards, and other things that go bump in the night.

Come celebrate the genre with us November 13-15, 2020, when we welcome our guests to Chicagoland!

Programming

To suggest programming items or to volunteer to participate in programming, please visit **bit.ly/windycon47-programming**.

Only Windycon guests receive free membership and housing for Windycon 47. All other panelists are responsible for their own memberships and housing unless explicitly informed by the Programming Lead or the Chair of the Convention.

ISFiC Writers Contest

Each year, ISFiC (Illinois Science Fiction in Chicago) hosts a writers contest for unpublished authors.

- The submission must be a science fiction or fantasy short story of no more than 7,500 words.
- Each entrant must have attended Windycon in 2019, registered for Windycon 2020, or be a resident of Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, or Wisconsin.
- The entrant must not have received payment for any previously published or accepted work of fiction by any source.
- The ISFiC Writers Contest is open to all ages. If you are under 18, please include a letter from a parent or guardian indicating approval to participate.
- ISFiC reserves the right to cancel this contest for any reason prior to the awarding of prizes.
- Manuscripts must be received by September 1, 2020.
- The winner will be notified in mid-October.

Please see our website for submission details.

Windycon Registration

Pre-Registration for Windycon 47 in 2020 is now open!

Current Registration Rates (through 8/31/2020): (check windycon.org/Pages/Registration for current pricing)

Adult (13+ on 11/13/2020) \$50.00 **Youth** (<13 on 11/13/2020) \$30.00 **Kid-in-Tow** Free

(<13 on 11/13/2020, must be accompanied by a badged adult at all times)

You can...

Register on-line at windycon.org/Pages/Registration,

Register in person at a convention where Windycon has a presence, or

Mail in your registration to

Windycon PO Box 1044 Matteson, IL 60443-4044

Writers Workshop

For the twentieth year in a row, Windycon will be hosting the Windycon Writers Workshop. These are critique-session workshops for short fiction or novel excerpts up to 7,500 words. Sessions include two other entrants, a moderator, and three professional authors or editors. The sessions take place in the hotel away from the fray of other con activity.

Participation in the Writers Workshop requires a con registration and a \$20.00 fee. Make checks payable to Windycon. You can also send money using PayPal to rchwedyk@gmail.com (payment should be indicated as for the Windycon Writers Workshop).

Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 16, 2020. We reserve the right to reject any story or chapter that doesn't meet the format standards. Session slots are limited, so get your work in soon. Email questions or submissions in standard format to the coordinator at rchwedyk@gmail.com.

The mailing address for submissions and fees is:

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