

The Fourth World Fantasy Convention

ALICIA AUSTIN
Artist Guest of Honor

FRITZ LEIBER
Guest of Honor

GAHAN WILSON
Toastmaster

Commemorating
ROBERT E. HOWARD

The Fourth World Fantasy Convention is being held in Fort Worth, Texas on Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th of this year at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel. The convention's theme will be the life and works of Robert E. Howard. At last, the contributions and accomplishments of Howard are going to be recognized in his own state. Even though the majority of the convention's programming will concern R.E.H., other aspects of horror, fantasy, and the supernatural will be examined and explored through a series of panels, readings, displays, and films. Our programming is receiving strong professional participation. At this time...

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...are planning to attend as Featured Guests.

The panel topics currently being discussed include such varied subjects as Dark Fantasy, Modern Heroic Fantasy, the writing of pastiches based on Howard characters, and perhaps a panel devoted solely to Weird Tales. We also plan to feature a question and answer session with some of the people who were contemporaries of Howard's.

There will be a special reading of the Conan story, "The Phoenix on the Sword" by Guest of Honor Fritz Leiber. Manly Wade Wellman will read a selection from his "Who Fears the Devil" collection and Harlan Ellison will unveil a story written especially for the convention. L. Sprague will read portions of his biography of Robert E. Howard that is currently in preparation.

One of the most outstanding features of the convention will be the art show which will include a special display of the art of Alicia Austin. Ms. Austin's art, while beautiful in reproduction, is breathtaking in the original. Also on display will be paintings by Virgil Finlay, Hannes Bok, Kelly Freas, George Barr, David Ireland, Michael Hague, Mahlon Blaine, and a large number of drawings by Virgil Finlay. All artists, professional or otherwise, wishing to display for auction should contact us and we will respond with an information packet.

In keeping with our convention theme will be a display of Robert E. Howard material which will feature many of the rarer items, such as foreign publications, newspapers, and manuscripts from the collection of Glenn Lord.

The dealer's room should, if the past is any indication, offer a variety of items for sale and trade with Arkham House books, Pulps, and rare paperbacks being in abundance. Dealer's tables are \$25 each, wall space on a first come, first served basis. The tables are the standard 6 ft. size. A membership is not included with table purchase.

The highlight of the convention will be the World Fantasy Awards ceremony. Although this is only the fourth year for the Fantasy Award, it is already becoming an important and prestigious one. The judges for this year's award are Stephen King, Charles N. Brown, T.E.D. Klein, Carl Jacobi, and Karl Edward Wagner. The Awards Presentation will be made at a banquet presided over by Toastmaster Gahan Wilson and will feature authentic Texas barbeque. Tickets for the banquet are \$7.50. A banquet ticket is not included with membership. At this time we are limiting the banquet to 300 people. This will be increased only if there is a large enough response to justify a change.

To round out the programming we plan a series of autograph and publisher's parties in which attending guests will be accessible to members and new publications will be introduced. The television adaptation of Robert E. Howard's "Pidgeons from Hell" and the feature length adaptation of Fritz Leiber's novel, Conjure Wife, entitled Burn, Witch, Burn will be shown along with as much other film as time permits.

Attendance at the convention will be strictly limited to 750 members. In addition 250 non-attending memberships are available to those who cannot attend but want to receive our publications and help support the convention. All members will receive a progress report which will have a Hannes Bok cover and contain a feature on the previous World Fantasy Award presentations and an analysis of Fritz Leiber's fiction, and a convention program book which will feature a color cover by Alicia Austin done especially for the convention.

Advertising is being accepted for the program book. A full page (7x10) is \$35 and a half page (7x5) is \$20. All ads must be camera ready and received by August 1, 1978.

Attending memberships for all three days are \$15 until September 5, 1978; \$20 thereafter. Non-attending memberships are \$7.50. Those planning to attend should register early as memberships are selling rapidly. When responding for memberships, banquet tickets, tables, or information please enclose a SASE.

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