



WORLD HORROR CONVENTION 2013 – PROGRESS REPORT #5

This is the Final of our Progress Reports sent via email to registered members of the Bram Stoker Awards® Weekend 2013, incorporating World Horror Convention (WHC) and specifically deals with WHC matters. You may also receive additional emails as an attendee in the days running up to the Convention.

Any questions should be directed to Rocky Wood via president@horror.org.

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The Organizing Committee, Chaired by Greg Herren, continues its work. Rocky Wood is Chairing the World Horror Convention component.

The Organizing Committee (double-click to send an email or head over to the website at <http://www.stokers2013.org/>) is:

- Chair/Programming - [Greg Herren](#)
- WHC Chair/Guests/Programming - [Rocky Wood](#)
- Pitch Sessions - [R J Cavender](#)
- Party Programming - [Boyd Harris](#)
- Social Media - [Anita Siraki](#)
- Website - [Rick Pickman](#)
- Dealers Room - [John Prescott](#)
- Art Show - [Chad Savage](#)
- Editor, Souvenir Book - [Norman Rubenstein](#)
- HWA Administrator - [Brad Hodson](#)
- Guest Liaison – Nancy Kalanta
- Ex-Officio – Lisa Morton

Our website is at <http://www.stokers2013.org/> and is updated regularly. As you registered through that website we know *you* know about it – but keep visiting, as it is regularly updated. If you are on Facebook don't forget to visit and join that page:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/416385721720103/>.

Full Programming Published!

The Program is effectively finalized, with only a few minor amendments to be made as we count down to the Opening Ceremony. Go to www.stokers2013.org and click on Programming in the bottom of page menu to see the PDF. Start planning your Convention time now!

Grandmaster Not Attending

Unfortunately, the WHC Grandmaster is unable to attend. This means the person's name will be revealed at the Opening Ceremony, from 6pm on Thursday evening. They will be toasted in a special panel – A Toast to Absent Friends from 3-4pm on Friday. That panel will also remember those we have lost since the last WHC in March 2012 – including HWA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Rick Hautala; British horror icon James Herbert; Editor David B Silva; and author Michael Louis Calvillo.

Kaffeeklatches – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Kaffeeklatch is a free intimate meeting with one of our Guests in a boardroom environment. This will be strictly limited to 15 people and will take place over one hour with tea and coffee provided. Most Kks are now booked out but if you want to see if a seat is still available for those below that are not marked FULL, email readings@horror.org and Erinn will advise whether there are any seats left.

Friday 9am – Ramsey Campbell (FULL)

Friday 10am – Jonathan Maberry (FULL)

Friday 11am – Bruce Boston

Friday 1pm – Robert McCammon (FULL)

Friday 2pm – David Morrell (<http://davidmorrell.net>)

Friday 4pm – Doug Winter ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas E. Winter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_E._Winter))

Saturday 9am – John Joseph Adams

Saturday 10am – Glenn Chadbourne

Saturday 11am – Caitlin R Kiernan

Saturday 2pm – Amber Benson

Saturday 3pm – HWA Lifetime Achievement Award winning Editor, Ellen Datlow (FULL)

Mass Signing

If you are an author and have something to sign you may join the Mass Signing from 7-9pm on Friday. To book a place email readings@horror.org. If you are not signing don't forget to turn up and get your favorite authors' signatures!

Pitch Sessions

Pitch sessions requests are NOW open for all registered attendees. Pick your Top 3 choices of editors/agent that you'd like to pitch a project to and mail those requests to:

rjc@editorialdepartment.com

In the subject box of your email, please type: Pitch Sessions - (Author's Last Name)

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF WHAT EACH EDITOR/AGENT IS LOOKING FOR!

<http://stokers2013.horror.org/pitches.html>.

Please be advised, you will NOT have a chance to sign up for pitch sessions at the convention. So if you want to pitch a project, you must send in a request no later than May 24th, 2013. All requests are on a first come, first served basis-and each editor or agent has only a small handful of pitch sessions available. Check below for a quick description of what each editor/agent are looking for before you send in your request. All authors who send in a request will be signed up for two pitch sessions, with priority being given to your top requests upon availability.

The Bram Stoker Awards Weekend, incorporating World Horror Convention 2013, is pleased to announce their publisher and agent line-up for pitch sessions, to be held on Saturday, June 15th (11.30am-1.30pm).

The publishers and an agent from a very prominent agency we have selected to take pitches are:

Alec Shane - Agent, Writers House
Blood Bound Books - Geoff Hyatt
Cycatrix Press - Jason V Brock
Dark Regions Press - R.J. Cavender
Hydra, Random House - Sarah Peed
JournalStone - Chris C. Payne
Nightscape Press - Mark Scioneaux
Samhain - Don D'Auria
Tor - Liz Gorinski

R J Cavender for the Bram Stoker Awards® Weekend, incorporating WHC2013 Organizing Committee.

Program Book

Be prepared to be *stunned and amazed* – we have published the Table of Contents for the Souvenir Book you will receive on registration. Check it out at

<http://stokers2013.horror.org/programbook.html>. Get those books signed at the Mass Signing and around the Convention – they'll be real collector's items.

Important Information

Hotel Details – we have booked the Hotel Monteleone, an iconic literary hotel in the French Quarter of New Orleans, which is said to be haunted. We have numerous function rooms booked for the varying programming areas. Discounted hotel rooms are available until one month before the Convention only. It is *very important* you understand this condition – if you book after that day you will not get a discounted rate at the Convention Hotel.

So far our attendees have booked nearly 1000 room nights, so let's fill up the Hotel!

You don't need to pay in advance, only leave a credit card and you can book using the special rates for a number of days either side of the Con if you are staying over to enjoy New Orleans. Online bookings are still unavailable but you can call and book toll-free. If you want to book from overseas email Greg Herren at gregh121@aol.com, who will fix it for you.

Full details about the Hotel, Rates, telephone booking numbers and so on are at the <http://www.stokers2013.org/> website. **NOTE: The Special Rates expire on 17 May – this is beyond our control.** Bookings after that date will be much more expensive although, of course, there is a huge range of accommodation in the French Quarter and nearby.

The Dealers Room is booked out, a list of Dealers and a PDF of the room layout appears on the website, under the Dealers Room tab at the bottom of the main page.

In addition we expect to have an independent bookstore (which will operate from a different room), so you will be able to buy your favorite Guest authors' books.

The Art Show is coordinated by the very experienced Chad Savage and has turned into a top notch Event. The room is all organized as is all the information you need to participate (it will feature Guest of Honor Glenn Chadbourne and such luminaries as Alan M Clark). For more details go to the website and click on Art Show (under WHC information at the bottom of the entry page), where you can see a **list of the Artists** who are registered.

Bram Stoker Awards® Banquet – Tickets are SOLD OUT, there will be standing room only provision for those who missed out, from 9.05pm.

Also, tell your friends the Awards will be webcast (further details will appear both at the Convention Website and www.horror.org).

A display of all the Nominees – including pictures of them or their nominated work, and details about each nominee is now live at: <http://stokers2013.horror.org/stokers.html>. It's well worth visiting!

Rocky Wood
Chairman, World Horror Convention 2013