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Horror Writers Association celebrates 2009 Stoker winners

At long last, the anticipation is over. The Horror Writers Association has announced the winners of the 2009 Bram Stoker Awards at its annual Stoker Banquet held tonight as part of the World Horror Convention in Brighton, UK.

Eight new bronze haunted-house statuettes were handed over to the writers responsible for creating superior works of horror last year. This year's winners are:

Superior Achievement in a NOVEL

AUDREY'S DOOR by Sarah Langan (Harper)

Superior Achievement in a FIRST NOVEL

DAMNABLE by Hank Schwaeble (Jove)

Superior Achievement in LONG FICTION

THE LUCID DREAMING by Lisa Morton (Bad Moon Books)

Superior Achievement in SHORT FICTION

"In the Porches of My Ears" by Norman Prentiss (POSTSCRIPTS #18)

Superior Achievement in an ANTHOLOGY

HE IS LEGEND edited by Christopher Conlon (Gauntlet Press)

Superior Achievement in a COLLECTION

A TASTE OF TENDERLOIN by Gene O'Neill (Apex Book Company)

Superior Achievement in NONFICTION

WRITERS WORKSHOP OF HORROR by Michael Knost (Woodland Press)

Superior Achievement in POETRY

CHIMERIC MACHINES by Lucy A. Snyder (Creative Guy Publishing)

Works can be recommended by any member of the HWA. Members with Active status then vote works onto a preliminary ballot. From there the field is narrowed to the final ballot and Active members choose the winners from that. The award is named for Bram Stoker, best known as the author of *Dracula*. The trophy, which resembles a miniature haunted house, was designed by author Harlan Ellison and sculptor Steven Kirk.

HWA also presented its annual Lifetime Achievement Awards and its Specialty Press Award. Brian Lumley was on hand to accept his Lifetime Achievement Award, while fellow winner William F. Nolan offered a video acceptance. The Specialty Press Award went to Ray Russell and Rosalie Parker of Tartarus Press.

The Silver Hammer Award, for outstanding service to HWA, was voted by the organization's board of trustees to Kathryn Ptacek. The President's Richard Laymon Service Award was given to Vince A. Liaguno.

Lisa Morton, who organized this year's presentation in conjunction with the World Horror Convention, commented on the historic nature of the 2010 event: "This was the first time we've presented the Stoker Awards outside of the North American continent, and I hope it serves to continue to expand HWA's presence and membership outside of the U.S. and Canada. We're committed to serving the entire world of horror."

For more information, visit www.horror.org.

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