



### A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

There were a couple of speculative fiction plays presented at the Playwrights Roundtable's *Native Voices*. It was a great showcase of the area's local writers.

I just started my annual binging of reading of short fiction. I am now at 8% of my target goal. My deadline is March and will print the reviews in the March issue.

Next month's issue we will find out what was big in science fiction and fantasy books, films, and television.

Happy Holidays.

### Events

#### Bold City Con

December 2-3

Toon Town

444 Tallyrand Avenue

Jacksonville, FL

Guests: Chris Carson (voice actor)

Bryan Massey (voice actor)

Oscar Seung (voice actor)

Jessica Cavanagh (voice actor)

And many more

\$30 for the weekend

[www.boldcitycon.com/](http://www.boldcitycon.com/)

#### SW-Floridacon

December 3

Hilton Doubletree

13051 Bell Tower Drive

Guests: Howard Ketch (comic book writer)

Jerry Bingham (comic book artist)

Vanessa Angel (actor)

Linda Young (voice actor)

\$20 for adults, \$10 for 11-18

[www.swfloridacomicon.com](http://www.swfloridacomicon.com)

#### Rise of the Phoenix Comic and Toy Fest

December 16

1270 Deltona Road

Deltona, FL 32725

Guests: John Crowther

Joe Doyle (comic artist)

KOOLasHECK (comic artist)

Haley Martin (comic artist)

Free

[riseofthephoenixcomicandtoyfest.com](http://riseofthephoenixcomicandtoyfest.com)

#### OtakuFest

December 16

Charles F. Dodge City Center

601 City Ctr Wy

Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

No guests listed on website

\$20 at the door

[www.otakufest.com](http://www.otakufest.com)



## December OASFiS Calendar

### Holiday Party

Saturday December 9, 2022 12:30PM at Pat Russell's House email Patty Russell at patriciarussell101@gmail.com or Juan at sanmiguel@earthlink.net for more detailed directions .

To contact for more info:  
OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

### Holiday Matsuri

December 20-22  
8701 World Center Drive  
Orlando, FL 32821

Guests: Dorah Fine (voice actor)  
Alejandro Saab (voice actor)  
J. Michael Tatum (voice actor)  
And many more

\$110 for the weekend, \$65 for Thursday  
holidaymatsuri.com

### Letters of Comment

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Etobicoke, ON  
CANADA M9C 2B2  
November 4, 2023

Dear OASFiSians:

Back to my old habit of one letter for two issues, this time for the Event Horizon. I have issues 428 and 429, the October and November issues...now to see if I can poke a brain cell or two (yawn), and actually get a letter written. Stranger things have happened, but I can't think of what right now...

428... So many conventions... I was recently at Astronomicon 14 in Rochester, New York, and it was a good time, even if we were working registration each day we were there. With so many conventions in Ontario having gone away, we figured that if we wanted to go to a literary and fannish convention, Astronomicon was the closest one to us. Unfortunately for us, we had to cut a day off the convention for ourselves to go to a family event. We were volentold to do certain things, and our attendance was mandatory. *C'est la vie.*

429...more conventions. I am looking for voice actors with names I recognize. Congratulations to all the Hugo winners, especially to Chris Barkley, who was at Astronomicon, and he admitted he was heavily jetlagged. Every year, especially this one, I know fewer and fewer of the nominees and winners.

*Chris and I have known each other for years and work for him at the Worldcon Press Office. I have been follow his fan work in File 770. Great stuff. I am glad he finally won.*

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Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

*Get a supporting membership to Worldcon and use the voter packet to check out the new writers.*

With it being so late in the year, we are starting to plan our 2024 conventions. It looks like we will have four...first of all, Anime North, our massive anime convention near the Toronto airport. We always do well there, so we will see if we can take another table in the Artists' Alley. Then we intend to attend the 2024 NASFiC, mostly because it is literally down the highway from us in Buffalo, New York. Then comes the 2024 World Fantasy Convention, because it is even closer to us. It's in Niagara Falls, New York. Finally, and IU hope our money lasts, we want to go to Loscon 50 in Los Angeles, because how often do you get to go to a convention numbered 50?

*I am planning to go to Buffalo and Glasgow. Loscon would be fun but resources and the closeness to the holiday would be a challenge.*

I think I have finished with my blether, so time to fire it off. See you with the final issue of the year, and I will take the time to wish everyone happy holidays.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

## World Fantasy Awards

The World Fantasy Awards Association announced this year's awards at WFC in Kansas City on October 29.

NOVEL

- *Saint Death's Daughter* by C.S.E. Cooney (Solaris)

NOVELLA

- *Pomegranates* by Priya Sharma (Absinthe Books)

SHORT FICTION

- "Incident at Bear Creek Lodge" by Tananarive Due (*Other Terrors: An Inclusive Anthology*)

ANTHOLOGY

- *Africa Risen: A New Era of Speculative Fiction* eds. Sheree Renée Thomas, Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, and Zelda Knight (Tordotcom Publishing)

COLLECTION

- *All Nightmare Long* by Tim Lebbon (PS Publishing)

ARTIST

- Kinuko Y. Craft

SPECIAL AWARD – PROFESSIONAL

- Matt Ottley, for *The Tree of Ecstasy and Unbearable Sadness* (Dirt Lane Press)

SPECIAL AWARD – NON-PROFESSIONAL

- Michael Kelly, for Undertow Publications

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

- Peter Crowther
- John Douglas



NPR: Book We Love List—> SFF

This list was composed by the NPR staff and trusted critics. The list can be found with details about the books at the site below:

<https://apps.npr.org/best-books/#tags=sci+fi%2C+fantasy+%26+speculative+fiction&view=list&year=2023>

*Family Lore* by Elisabeth Acevedo

*Chain Gang All Stars* by Nana Kawame Adjei-Brenyah

*Nineteen Claws and a Black Bird: Stories* by Agustina Bazterrica, translated by Sarah Moses

*To Shape a Dragon's Breath: The First Book of Nampeshiweisit* by Moniquill Blackgoose

*Damned If You Do* by Alex Brown

*House of Cotton* by Monica Brashers

*Vampires of El Norte* by Isabel Cañas

*Edith Holler* by Edward Carey

*Nestlings* by Nat Cassidy

*The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi: A new fantasy series set a thousand years before The City of Brass* by Shannon Chakraborty

*The Last Tale of the Flower Bride* by Roshani Chokshi

*Sordidez* by E.G. Condé

*Mostrillo* by Gerado Sámano Córdova

*Wonder Woman Historia: The Amazons* by Kelly Sue DeConnick, illustrated by Phil Jimenez, Gene Ha, Nicola Scott

*The Reformatory* by Tananarive Due

*Our Share of Night* by Mariana Enriquez, translated by Megan McDowell

*Emily Wilde's Encyclopedia of Faeries* by Heather Fawcett

*Immortal Longing* by Chloe Gong

*Hestia Strikes a Match* by Christine Grillo

*Starting House* by Alix E. Harrow

*The God of Endings* by Jacqueline Holland

*Eagle Drums* by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson

*Dragon Palace* by Hiromi Kawakami, translated by Ted Goossen

*The Salt Grows Heavy* by Cassandra Khaw

*Thornhedge* by T. Kingfisher

*Whalefail* by Daniel Kraus

*Kafka: A Manga Adaptation* by Nishioka Kyodai, translated by David Yang

*Biography of X* by Catherine Lacey

*Translation State* by Ann Leckie

*Landscapes* by Christine Lai

*Feed Them Silence* by Lee Mandelo

*Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch

*People Collide* by Isle McElroy

*Our Hideous Progeny* by C.E. McGill

*Disruptions: Stories* by Steven Millhauser

*Shubeik Lubeik* by Deena Mohamed

*The Wicked Bargain* by Gabe Cole Novoa

*A Haunting in Hialeah Gardens* by Raul Palma

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*He Who Drowned the World* by Shelly Parker-Chan

*The Magician's Daughter* by H.G Parry

*A Study in Drowning* by Ava Reid

*Victory City* by Salman Rushdie

*Tress of the Emerald Sea: A Cosmere Novel* by Brandon Sanderson

*Starter Villain* by John Scalzi

*The Centre* by Ayesha Manazir Siddiqi

*Cassandra in Reverse* by Holly Smale

*Some Desperate Glory* by Emily Tesh

*Ink Blood Sister Scribe* by Emma Törzs

*We're Safe When We're Alone* by Nghiem Tran

*The Beast You Are: Stories* by Paul Tremblay

*Tim Te Maro and the Subterrean Heartsick Blues* by H.S. Valley

*Black River Orchard* by Chuck Wendig

*Witch King* by Martha Wells

*My Murder* by Katie Williams

*Women of Myth: From Deer Woman and Mami Wata to Amaterasu and Athena, Your Guide to the Amazing and Diverse Women from World Mythology* by Jenny Williamson, illustrated by Sara Richard

*We Are a Haunting* by Tyriek White

*Fourt Wing* by Rebecca Yarra

#### Michael Bishop

I really enjoyed reading *Brittle Innings* which combined baseball with one of the great pop culture icons of all time and a little bit of World War II. I really need to check out some of his short story work.

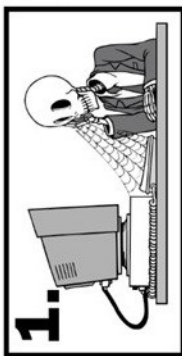
I got to meet Michael Bishop as a returning Guest of Honor for OASIS 20. He was easy to get along with. His son Jaime was murdered at Virginia Tech 6 weeks before the con. I was prepared to allow him out of his obligation to the convention if necessary. He wanted to come and we donated to a scholarship fund for the Graphic Arts that was named after Jaime. He was a great guest and had a good time.



Michael Bishop at the OASSI 20 cake cutting ceremony.



# There are two ways to be a science fiction and fantasy fan in Florida.



**1.**

Read about the exciting fan activities other people are doing.



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