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2022 Hugo Award and Lodestar Award Designers Announced

Chicon 8, the 2022 World Science Fiction Convention, is pleased to announce the designers of the 2022 Hugo Award base and the 2022 Lodestar Award.

The 2022 Hugo Award base will be designed by **Brian Keith Ellison**, owner of BKE Designs, Inc., a full service, Chicago based corporation that provides custom wood furniture design and fabrication services for corporate, commercial, and residential clients as well as public and private art. Ellison is academically trained as an architect and practiced real estate development for approximately 20 years. During his transition to furniture design and fabrication, he relocated to Amsterdam from 2006-2008. In 2015, he appeared in 8 out of the 10 episodes of "FRAMEWORK", a SPIKE TV furniture design-based reality competition. BK is actively involved with the improvement of community social issues. He is also a life-long fan of science fiction and is extremely honored to be the designer of the 2022 Hugo Award base.

The 2022 Lodestar Award will be designed by Sara Felix, a mixed media artist who lives in Austin, Texas. She is the current president of the Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists, and created the 2018 WSFS Young Adult Award, the 2018 and 2016 Hugo Award bases, and the Lodestar Award from 2019-2021.

Artist websites:

Brian K. Ellison (Hugo Awards): http://www.bkedesigns.com/

Sara Felix (Lodestar Award): https://www.deviantart.com/sillysarasue The Hugo Awards are the most prestigious award in the science fiction genre, honoring science fiction literature and media as well as fan activities. The Awards were first presented in 1953 and have been awarded every year since 1955 by the members of the World Science Fiction Society (Worldcon members) at the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon).

More information about the Hugo Awards can be found at: <u>https://chicon.org/home/whats-happening/hugo-awards/</u>

Any questions about the administration of the 2022 Hugo Awards should be directed to <u>hugo-help@chicon.org</u>.

The 80th World Science Fiction Convention, Chicon 8, will take place in Chicago, Illinois, USA from 1-5 September 2022. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <u>http://chicon.org</u>. All media releases are available at <u>http://chicon.org/home/about-worldcon/press-and-media/</u>. Follow us on Twitter at @chicagoworldcon.

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The World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon) is a five-day event that has been held annually since 1939, apart from a four-year break during the Second World War.