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Chicon 8 Announces Full Program Schedule

Chicon 8, the 2022 World Science Fiction Convention is pleased to announce its full program and events schedule. This can be found online at https://guide.chicon.org/.

From the outset, Chicon 8 has stated its commitment to delivering an engaging, stimulating and inclusive program. We have prioritized the participation of underrepresented voices from within the wider speculative fiction community, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. We have been excited by the opportunity to highlight Chicago-area participants, and we have embraced the tapestry of communities that overlap with and are adjacent to Worldcon.

Our full program includes no less than 1,386 scheduled items and activities, with over <u>750 individual participants</u> from across the speculative fiction field and beyond. Writers, editors, artists, musicians, scientists, social and cultural critics and historians, academics, and fans from across the world are all represented.

Our panels, talks, and interviews are supplemented by workshops, demonstrations and of course our major events. In addition to the traditional Hugo Award Ceremony and Masquerade, Chicon 8 will present two new plays by Chicago's own Möbius Theatre and a wide range of musical performances. Adding our extensive series of readings, autograph sessions and intimate table talks, attendees will have up to 20 different activities available to them during peak hours of the day.

Building on the lessons learned during the Covid-19 pandemic, our program also includes substantial virtual elements, allowing fans from around the world to participate in Chicon 8 and turning the event into a truly global celebration of the science fiction genre. We will be offering up to 6 items of exclusive virtual content during peak hours, in addition to up to 4 items of content streamed out from the convention. In total, no less than 327 program items and activities will be available to our virtual attendees.

Full Attending Memberships to Chicon 8 are available from our website at https://chicon.org/. Single Day Admissions will be available for purchase on the door, with peak day prices of \$80 for Adults, \$50 for Adults attending their first Worldcon, and \$20-40 for fans aged 24 or under, depending on age.

Virtual Attending Memberships for the full five days of the convention cost \$80 for new members, or just \$30 as an upgrade for those who already hold a Supporting Membership in the event.

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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 http://chicon.org. All media releases are available at http://chicon.org/home/about-worldcon/press-and-media/. Follow us on Twitter at @chicagoworldcon.

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