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### **Jonathan Ross named as MC for Hugo Awards Ceremony at Loncon 3**

LONDON, UK. 1 March 2014: Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention ("Worldcon") taking place in London this August, today announced that leading TV personality and cultural commentator Jonathan Ross will be the Master of Ceremonies for the 2014 Hugo Awards Ceremony.

The Hugo Awards are the leading awards for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy, and have been presented at Worldcons since 1953.

Ross has had a long career as a TV and radio host and is also a film critic, comics writer, and video game developer. He has been a champion of science fiction and fantasy in all its forms throughout his career, and is one of the genre's most vocal enthusiasts.

Ross' wife, screenwriter Jane Goldman, won a Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation (Long Form) in 2008 with Matthew Vaughan for the screenplay for *Stardust*.

Loncon 3 co-chair Steve Cooper said: "We're thrilled to announce that Jonathan Ross will be our host for the 2014 Hugo Awards Ceremony. Ross loves science fiction and fantasy as much as any of the fans who will be nominating and voting for the awards."

Co-chair Alice Lawson added: "Jonathan Ross has a genuine enthusiasm for Worldcon and the Hugo Awards and this, coupled with his great showmanship, will bring so much to the 2014 ceremony."

The Hugo Awards Ceremony is one of the highlights of the Worldcon. The ceremony at Loncon 3 will take place on the evening of Sunday 17 August 2014.

Full details of how to become a member of Loncon 3 are available at <http://www.loncon3.org/memberships/>

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### **ABOUT THE WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION**

Founded in 1939, the World Science Fiction Convention is one of the largest international gatherings of authors, artists, editors, publishers, and fans of science fiction and fantasy. The annual Hugo Awards, the leading award for excellence in the fields of science fiction and fantasy, are voted on by the Worldcon membership and presented during the convention.

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