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Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention

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Loncon 3 to Feature Spectacular Art Show and Programming

LONDON, UK. 14 April 2014: Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention, has confirmed exciting plans to highlight science fiction and fantasy art through exhibits, programming, and special events.

The Loncon 3 Art Show will be at the heart of this celebration and is on track to be the largest display of genre artwork - the majority for sale - ever seen in the UK. Over 2,000 individual artworks from nearly 100 artists are expected to be on show, with particular emphasis on the best of British illustration from the golden age of the 1970s and 1980s and on to the present day. For fans, this will be a unique opportunity to meet the artists who shaped the look of science fiction in this distinctive period of British SF illustration. A 96-page full-colour Artist Showcase publication is also available for purchase by members.

In addition to Guest of Honour Chris Foss, artists already confirmed for the Show include Chris Achilleos, Jim Burns, Steve Crisp, Galen Dara, Fred Gambino, John Harris, Chris Moore, Anne Stokes, Anne Sudworth, and Margaret Walty. A full list can be found at www.loncon3.org/art_tour.php.

Our Art Programme will explore the changing landscape of SF illustration, the role of the Art Director, and the best way to build an art collection. The "Best of British" theme will continue with a look back at the impact and legacy of Paper Tiger, and we will discuss the role of concept art in games and films. Our programme will also reflect the inherently visual nature of the medium as our leading artists talk us through their portfolios and career highlights. See www.loncon3.org/programme-art.php for more information.

Our plans also include guided tours of the Art Show led by artists and art experts; portfolio reviews with leading industry art directors; and a substantial programme of demonstrations, including open sketch sessions where members are invited to try their hand alongside our professional artists.

Last but not least, the Chesley Award ceremony will be held on the evening of Friday 15 August, accompanied by an open reception for artists and members. This is a chance to join the professional art community as they celebrate the best art and artists of 2013.

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For more information about Loncon 3, please contact media@loncon3.org.

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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