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### **Glasgow 2024 - A Worldcon for our Futures**

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### **Glasgow Chosen to Host Worldcon for the Third Time**

Glasgow has today been confirmed as the location for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Worldcon. The decision was announced at Chicon 8, the 80<sup>th</sup> Worldcon, currently taking place in Chicago, Illinois, and is the culmination of a five-year long campaign to bring the event back to the city.

Our Guests of Honour range from writers to artists and beyond – Chris Baker (Fangorn), Claire Brialey and Mark Plummer, Ken MacLeod, Nnedi Okorafor, and Terri Windling. Additional Special Guests and Toastpeople will be announced over the coming months.

Glasgow 2024 Chair, Esther MacCallum-Stewart said, “It’s a huge honour to host the Worldcon, and our team have worked incredibly hard to get us to this point. We can’t wait to bring our blend of Inclusion, Caring and Imagination to the Glasgow 2024 Worldcon, and to create an event that is both exciting and innovative. This really is a Worldcon for our Futures!”

Aileen Crawford, Head of Tourism and Conventions at Glasgow Life said: “Glasgow is delighted to welcome Worldcon fans back to our city in August 2024, following the previous events in 1995 and 2005. Congratulations to the hard working and dedicated UK Team who have worked tirelessly for years on the bid. Here’s to a fabulous return of the Worldcon community in 2024!”

### **About Worldcon:**

The Worldcon is held in a different city every year and usually has around 5,000 attendees from around the globe. Some of the highlights of the five-day event include the Hugo Awards, the Masquerade and over a thousand items of scheduled programming including concerts, panels, talks, workshops, films, autograph sessions. These are complemented by an extensive Dealers' Room, spectacular Art Show and an extensive range of exhibits and displays.

### **About the Guests of Honour:**

- **Chris Baker (Fangorn)** is an acclaimed BSFA-nominated artist whose work has graced the covers of many beloved SF and Fantasy novels including Robert Asprin’s *Myth* series, and the British and German editions of *Redwall*. He has also worked as a concept artist for such visionary film directors as Steven Spielberg, Tim Burton, Alfonso Cuarón and Stanley Kubrick.
- **Claire Brialey and Mark Plummer** have been pillars of the science fiction and fantasy fan community for years. Their exemplary work in organising and running fan conventions, as well as in fan-writing, fanzines, and fan-history, has enriched the lives of countless lovers of the genre.
- **Ken MacLeod** is a celebrated Scottish SF writer who, over the course of his career, has written 18 novels and won multiple BSFA and Prometheus Awards, in addition to being shortlisted for the Hugos, Nebulas, Locus Awards, and more. Ken writes everything from dystopian SF to space opera, and is known for work that is as engaged with politics as it is with science.

- **Nnedi Okorafor** is an internationally award winning author who explores her Nigerian heritage through her Africanfuturist and Africanjujuist novels and short works. She is also a comics writer who has written a number of popular series for Marvel's *Black Panther*, along with her own Hugo and Eisner-Award-winning graphic novel, *LaGuardia*.
- **Terri Windling** is an American writer, editor, artist, and folklorist, who has lived in the UK for nearly 30 years. She has written over 40 books and received 10 World Fantasy Awards - and will receive the World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement award this year. Terri has also won the Mythopoeic Award, the Bram Stoker Award, and the SFWA Solstice Award, in addition to appearing on numerous prestigious shortlists. Her work ranges from the fictional to the academic, but always revolving around the magical and the fantastic.

## **ENDS**

“World Science Fiction Society”, “WSFS”, “World Science Fiction Convention”, “Worldcon”, “NASFiC”, “Hugo Award”, the Hugo Award Logo, and the distinctive design of the Hugo Award Trophy Rocket are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

The 82nd World Science Fiction Convention, Glasgow 2024, will take place in Glasgow, UK from 8-12 August 2024. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <https://glasgow2024.org/>. Follow us on Twitter at [@Glasgowin2024](https://twitter.com/Glasgowin2024).