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Tanya DePass announced as Special Guest at Glasgow 2024

Glasgow 2024 is delighted to announce Tanya DePass (*she/her*) as a Special Guest of the 2024 Worldcon. Tanya DePass is a Hugo Nominated Editor (for *Fireside Magazine*), award-winning games content creator and developer, and creator of the *Into the Mother Lands* RPG.

Tanya DePass is a lifelong Chicagoan who loves everything about gaming and wants to make the industry better and more inclusive for everyone. She is the founder and Director of <u>I Need Diverse Games</u>, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to better diversification of all aspects of gaming. She was part of the <u>Rivals of Waterdeep</u> actual play stream from its inception, and is the creator and Creative Director of <u>Into the Mother Lands</u>, a new sci fi afro-futurist RPG developed with a team of all POC and Black creators.

Tanya often writes and speaks on issues of diversity, feminism, race, intersectionality & other topics online, at conventions and as a public speaker.

According to convention chair Esther MacCallum-Stewart, "I'm delighted to welcome Tanya as a Special Guest. As a huge TTRPG fan and scholar, I've followed her work for some time, including the brilliant *Into The Motherlands* actual play roleplay, and through her work as the founder of I Need Diverse Games. I'll see you in Glasgow, Tanya!!!"

About Tanya DePass

Tanya DePass is the founder and Director of <u>I Need Diverse Games</u>, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to better diversification of all aspects of gaming. She is also part of the Rivals of Waterdeep actual play stream on <u>twitch.tv/rivalsofwaterdeep</u> and a partnered Twitch variety broadcaster.

Tanya has contributed to publications at Green Ronin, Paizo and Monte Cook Games and is the co-developer for the *Fifth Season* RPG based on N.K. Jemisin's three-time Hugo award winning Broken Earth trilogy. She's also the creator and Creative Director of <u>Into the Mother Lands</u>, a new sci fi afro-futurist RPG developed with a team of all POC and Black creators; live streamed on her twitch channel, twitch.tv/cypheroftyr.

Tanya was named as one of The Game Awards <u>Future Class</u> 2020 and as one of the <u>Gamers of the Year 2020</u> by Kotaku. Her work to make the industry more inclusive has been highlighted in the documentary <u>Game Changer</u>, directed by Tina Charles.

Tanya is the programming & diversity coordinator for OrcaCon and GaymerX. She also serves on the Board of Directors for OrcaCon and was named the Chair for Take This in January 2023. She's the editor of Game Devs and Others: Tales from the Margins (2018, CRC Press) and contributed to The Advanced Game Narrative Toolbox. (2019, CRC Press).

Tanya's full biography can be found on the Glasgow 2024 website.

Follow Tanya online at https://linktr.ee/cypheroftyr.

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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/. Find us on social media at @Glasgowin2024.