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Glasgow 2024 - A Worldcon for our Futures
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2026 Worldcon to be Held in Los Angeles, California

Glasgow 2024, a Worldcon for our Futures, is pleased to announce that the LA in 2026 Bid Committee have won the right to host the 84th World Science Fiction Convention in 2026.

The LA in 2026 bid received 452 out of 531 votes cast. There were 19 ineligible preferences and 0 votes for None of the Above. The full voting breakdown is available on the Glasgow 2024 website.

Full details on LAcon V, as the event will be known, are available from their website https://www.lacon.org/. The convention will be held on August 27th to 31st, 2026 at the Anaheim Convention Center and the Hilton Anaheim and Anaheim Marriott hotels in Anaheim, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. It is the fifth Worldcon convention to bear the "LAcon" name, the most recent having been held at the same location in 2006.

LAcon V has also announced its Guests of Honor, which include:

- <u>Barbara Hambly</u>, acclaimed multi-genre novelist, whose works include *The Iron Princess, The Benjamin January Mysteries, The Darwath Trilogy, Winterlands, Sunwolf and Starhawk, Ishmael* and *Children of the Jedi*;
- Ronald D. Moore, Emmy, Peabody, and Hugo Award-winning screenwriter and executive producer of Battlestar Galactica, For All Mankind, Outlander, Carnivale, Roswell, Star Trek: The Next Generation and Star Trek: Deep Space Nine;
- <u>Colleen Doran</u>, New York Times bestselling cartoonist, writer and artist, whose work includes adaptations of The Sandman, American Gods and Good Omens as well as contributions to many popular comics and graphic novels;
- <u>Dr. Anita Sengupta</u>, aerospace engineer, commercial pilot, and rocket scientist on multiple NASA projects including *Dawn, Curiosity* and *Cold Atom Laboratory*, who is currently leading Hydroplane Ltd., developing hydrogen fuel-powered aircraft;
- <u>Tim Kirk</u>, Hugo Award winning illustrator for many acclaimed SF and fantasy novels and stories, as well as a long-time Walt Disney Imagineer and a principal designer on Disney's Tokyo Disney-Sea and the Disney-MGM Studio Tour;
- <u>Geri Sullivan</u>, fan guest of honor; originally from Minnesota, she has worked on many local, regional and national science fiction conventions, including multiple Worldcons;
- <u>Stan Sakai</u>, special guest; Eisner Award-winning illustrator and creator of the acclaimed graphic novel series *Usagi Yojimbo*; and
- <u>Ursula Vernon</u>, toastmaster; artist and illustrator, author of the children's book series *Dragonbreath* and *Hamster Princess*, novelist (who writes under the name T. Kingfisher), and creator of the webcomic *Digger*.

In a statement following the announcements, LACon V chair Joyce Lloyd said "thank you everyone who supported us and voted for us. We are proud, excited and humbled by the trust you put in us. We will do everything we can to live up to that trust. Adventure Awaits!"

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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.