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CAPRICON 36



February 11-14, 2016

Pre-registration: \$60
Through January 31, 2016

\$70 for full weekend at the door.
Day rates will be available.

Online Registration is open!

Visit us today at
www.capricon.org

**Capricon 36
will be held at:**

**Westin Chicago
North Shore
601 N Milwaukee
Ave, Wheeling, IL
60090
847-777-6570**

**[www.westin.com/
chicagonorthshore](http://www.westin.com/chicagonorthshore)**

Capricon 36: Once Upon A Capricon...

The story is about to begin! Join us February 11-14, 2016, at the Westin North Shore with all your friends and our wonderful Guests of Honor! We welcome Author GoH **Scott Lynch**, Artist GoH **Eric Wilkerson**, Fan GoH **Wendy Zdrodowski**, and Special Guests **Mark Oshiro**, **Stacey Gordon**, and **Mae the Bellydancer** — and of course, we welcome all of you back to Chicago and Capricon 36!

Want to be part of the story? We want you to be part of the story!

- **Programming** is up and ready for your review! <http://www.capricon.org/capricon36/CC/index.php/reports>
- Lots of Special Events this year!
 - The **Midwinter Faire** Returns on Thursday evening for games, crafts, and general carousing, plus pizza! Interested in helping out? Email us at faire@capricon.org
 - The **Euchre Tournament** returns on Friday evening.
 - A **bellydance performance** on Friday evening, featuring Special Guest **Mae the Bellydancer**
 - Concerts! **Dan the Bard** performs Friday night, in addition to concerts in the café all weekend.
 - Our **Dance** this year is Saturday, and it's a **Masqued Ball**, so bring your favorite masquerade mask!
 - Annual fan favorites **Artist Showdown** and **Art Auction** are on Saturday night.
 - Support fannish kids by attending a demo by the **Deerfield-Highland Park High Schools' Fencing Club** on Saturday afternoon.
- Theater! A wonderful medium for storytelling, and we're delighted to bring two great groups to perform for you. **SpaceTime Theater** performs Saturday evening, and **Otherworld Theatre** performs a staged reading of *Fight Girl Battle World* on Saturday afternoon.
- **Blinkies!** Build your own blinky throughout the weekend! Play with soldering irons and circuit boards!
- As usual, we'll have **Anime**, **Gaming**, a kickin' **Dealers Room**, **Art Show**, and **Consuite** for your enjoyment.
- Good **parties** always lead to good stories, so we've got lots of good parties for you!
- Our Exhibits area continues to grow! If you have anything to loan us that you feel represents Capricon's history, please email exhibits@capricon.org.
- Fan tables for your group are still available. Email us at fantables@capricon.org.
- Volunteers are always needed to help out at the convention! If you are interested in volunteering and earning your registration fee back, email volunteers@capricon.org and let them know.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **Current pre-registration is only \$60 until January 31!** Register online right now! Stop reading! Go!
- The **Hotel** room block closes on **Saturday, January 16!** Go on, get a room!

CapKidz and Teen Lounge:

Our Teen Lounge will be open throughout the weekend on the 3rd Floor. There will be some teen specific programming items there, and plenty of other activities during the day and late into the evenings.

CapKidz (Kids' Programming) is in the Elm room, and wants you to write your own Capricon story this year!

- Bring your camera and participate in the Photo Scavenger Hunt!
- Vote for your favorite movie option on Thursday, then join us Friday night for a pajama party
- Build your own jetpack, spaceship, and lightsaber!
- Run and play in the Children's Olympiad and Temple Run events!
- Need some quiet time? We'll have a spot for you to read or color and just relax.

More programming information on Page 2!

Programming Pre-Game

Prepare for Programming!

As always, there are a few programming items that you might want to know about ahead of time so you can prepare for them. Here's this year's list!

- Phandemonium Book Club will be discussing *The Lies of Locke Lamora* by our Author GoH, Scott Lynch
- The chicago-sf.org Book Club will be discussing *The Just City* by Jo Walton
- Snow Goons! If there's snow, bring your outdoor clothes and go build some snow goons!
- Hugo Awards Nominating is a panel to discuss what should be nominated this year, so bring your short list!
- We have several authors who will have Autographing sessions, so bring your books to be signed! Full schedule online.
- There are two dance workshops on Saturday - Swing Dance with Ariela Housman and Bonnie Jones at 4pm, and Mae the Bellydancer will be teaching a bellydance workshop at 7pm; please bring appropriate clothing.

Capricon Annual Book Drive

The Science Fiction Outreach Project

Many fans have often contemplated a trimming of their book collections. Don't just recycle your books — donate them to the Science Fiction Outreach Project so they can be the lure for new fans! We need **SF / Fantasy / Horror only** please. Children's books and YA books are very welcome. Start going through your bookshelves now and bring your donations to Capricon in February! Drop off is at the Info Desk.

For more information on the Science Fiction Outreach Project, visit them on Facebook (Science Fiction Outreach Project—USA)

Out of CON-text

"Did you violate Elvis with a Hugo Award?" - Helen Montgomery

"My unicorn panties smell like coffee." - Sondra de Jong

"Your mooing chip clip is in your diva bag." - Marnie Gucciard

"It's all about the faucet." - Bernadette Burke

"It's a run away screaming situation." - Leane Verhulst

"Wild hillbillies run amok." - Warren Buff

"Is that one of those shows on cable?" - Kendall Varnell

"Crap, I have to give up my kid's kidney." - Tim Miller

"If the orange hits you, it's probably for a reason." - Dave McCarty

Hotel Alert!

The business center and gift shop are closed for renovations.
Please plan accordingly.

For more info on Capricon 36, please visit us at www.capricon.org

For info on upcoming events, please visit us at
www.capricon.org/blog or like us on Facebook

Have an Out of CON-text quote to submit?
Email us all year long at oooc@capricon.org

Our easy to use, mobile-friendly guide will go live on Sunday, February 7.
You can view the full schedule and mark the items you wish to attend.
Keep an eye out on our website and social media for the link!

Feeling "Board"?

Members of Phandemonium,

We want YOU! Yes, YOU! Wonder why? It's simple. Every one of you makes Capricon the convention that it is. As a member of Capricon, you are also a voting member of Phandemonium, the parent corporation of Capricon. So now, as we look for members interested in making Capricon the best darn convention out there, we want YOU!

We are currently seeking candidates for two **Phandemonium Board of Directors** Member Positions. Every year the membership of Phandemonium (that's you) elects two new people to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. The six elected board members, along with an appointed Conchair, Secretary, Treasurer, and SMOF (Supreme Minister of Fun) are tasked with keeping the corporation running and enabling the convention and other outside activities to take place. Would you be interested in helping to guide what other activities Phandemonium does to promote fandom in Chicago? Please email boardpresident@phandemonium.org for more information.

For full details, please visit the Phandemonium Information section of our blog at <http://capricon.org/blog/phandemonium/>

Looking forward to seeing you all at Capricon in February!

Helen Montgomery

President of the Board, Phandemonium, Inc.

There are several restaurants now within walking distance of the hotel! In addition to Saranello's in the hotel, now in the parking lot are Spears, Cooper's Hawk, Twin Peaks, Dunkin' Donuts, and Subway. Spears will be offering a 15% discount to anyone with a Capricon badge! Ram and Buca di Beppo are across the street. Starbucks is a short walk south on Milwaukee for those who can't go the weekend without it.