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*** JOHN KESSEL WILL BE HONORED AT
UNPRECEDENTED TIPTREE AWARD CEREMONY AT
WISCON!

The James Tiptree, Jr. Award will present \$1000 in prize money to John Kessel for his novella, "Stories for Men" at Wiscon 27, on May 25, 2003. Kessel won the 2002 award with M. John Harrison, whose novel LIGHT has already been honored at the first 2002 Tiptree Ceremony at Seacon in Hinckley, England, on April 18. Since John Kessel was unable to attend that ceremony, he will receive the award in an unprecedented second Tiptree ceremony. Kessel will also receive a fabric cake created by artist Zhenne Wood. For more information about the Tiptree Award go to www.tiptree.org

Prevented from attending the April 18 ceremony in England by his teaching schedule, John Kessel missed receiving his award there. He also missed the amazing spectacle of Mike Harrison transformed into a mythic king when he was crowned with the Tiptree tiara and his stunned-but-delighted expression as he was serenaded by the Tiptree chorus. The Tiptree motherboard decided to produce another ceremony at this year's WisCon in order that John Kessel too could be crowned, serenaded, and feted for his Tiptree-winning work. Happily, that means that WisCon will NOT be denied a Tiptree ceremony at this year's convention. The ceremony will take place directly following the Guest of Honor speeches on Sunday night.

CONFUSION ABOUT CONCOURSE HOTEL RATES

There has been some confusion among Concourse hotel registration staff. Since filling WisCon's room block in early April, a few rooms have become available as they have been released from other small room blocks. Some WisCon attendees who have been lucky enough to snap up these rooms have been told by registration staff that they will be billed at a higher rate than WisCon's negotiated rate. In fact, all rooms reserved before the official cut-off date for WisCon's room block (May 5, 2003) should be charged at the WisCon negotiated rate of \$89 for regular rooms or \$114 for Governor's Club rooms.

If you have been told that your room will be charged at a higher rate, please call the Concourse and ask that your room be charged at the WisCon rate. If you have any problems, please contact Scott Custis through the WisCon email list.

Rates WILL INCREASE, however, after the May 5 deadline. So, if any rooms are released by the hotel from some of the other room blocks after this date, they will be released at a higher rate than WisCon's negotiated rate. We will not be able to help you get a lower rate after that cut-off date.

Concourse Hotel, 1 W. Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53703, 1-800-356-8293.

*** OFFICIAL OVERFLOW HOTEL: INN ON THE PARK

If you are unable to obtain a room reservation at the Concourse, please try the Inn on the Park. Just two blocks away from the Concourse, in a lovely location directly on the Capitol Square, the Inn on the Park has set aside a block of rooms especially for WisCon attendees.

Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll Street, Madison, WI 53703. 608-257-8811; Toll free reservations: 1-800-279-8811; info@innonthepark.net.

Room rates are a flat \$99 per night for either 1-bed or 2-bed sleeping rooms. Remember to mention "WisCon 2003" when you call.

The Inn on the Park is a handicapped accessible hotel; call for specific information about accessibility. The hotel is newly renovated and each room includes two line phones and DSL Internet accessibility. Complimentary valet parking for hotel guests and shuttle service to campus and airport are available. For more information, go to:

[http:// www.innonthepark.net/](http://www.innonthepark.net/)

The hotel's Internet reservation system is unfortunately not set up to take group reservations on-line. In order to find out if there is space in the WisCon room block or to make a reservation at WisCon rates, you must telephone the hotel.

PLEASE HELP US: If you have already made a reservation at the Inn on the Park, please let us know. It would help us in future negotiations with the Inn on the Park if we know the number of reservations they receive from WisCon members. You should also make sure that your reservation is included in the WisCon \$99 rate. Thank you!

*** LOOKING FOR A RIDE OR A ROOMMATE?

It has been requested that we provide a way for people looking for rides to/from WisCon or for roommates at the convention to contact one another. As a service to the community, we have set up an electronic bulletin board for this purpose. Use this message board to contact other WisCon attendees at your own risk. WisCon takes no responsibility for agreements made between individuals who contact one another using this message board and does not vouch for anyone who posts to it.

<http://sf3.org/wwwboard/index.html>

*** WISCON ISSUE OF _EXTRAPOLATION_ WILL DEBUT AT WISCON 27

Beginning in May, EXTRAPOLATION will publish an annual special WisCon issue edited by Justine Larbalestier and Javier Martinez. The first issue featuring essays by L. Timmel Duchamp, Wendy Pearson and others will be launched at WisCon 27. (\$10 each \$8 for students). For those interested parties who cannot make it to the convention, please contact the editor Javier A. Martinez at jmartinez@utb.edu to order a copy.

EXTRAPOLATION is a peer reviewed academic journal which publishes original essays and reviews exploring all aspects of the fantastic, including science fiction, fantasy and horror in print and film. The journal has been publishing quality work by established and new scholars since 1959. Its membership roster includes hundreds of universities and individuals across North and South America, Europe, and Asia. The editors of the journal, Donald "Mack" Hassler and Javier A. Martinez, are excited by the opportunity to partner with WisCon and to provide a venue for an ongoing dialogue between feminism, fan culture and academia. The special issue features established voices in the community as well as newcomers who are reshaping the field for a new generation. For more information: <http://fp.dl.kent.edu/extrap/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL EMSHWILLER (AND OTHER WISCON AUTHORS)!

Karen Joy Fowler writes: "Just want to make sure everyone there knows that Carol Emshwiller won the Philip K. Dick award for her novel THE MOUNT on Friday [April 18, 2003] and the Nebula for her short story "Creatures" on Saturday [April 19, 2003]. We're declaring Sunday a national holiday. We'll all dress up, go to church, and hunt for colored eggs, and eat ham -- an inspired Emshwillerian loopy collection of activities. love, kj"

Carol Emshwiller won the 2002 Philip K. Dick award for her novel, THE MOUNT. The Philip K. Dick Award is presented annually for distinguished science fiction published in paperback original form in the United States. The award is sponsored by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society and announced at Norwescon 26 at SeaTac, Washington on April 18, 2003. 2002 judges were Shelley Rodrigo Blanchard, Michael Blumlein, Nalo Hopkinson (chair), Donna McMahon, and Lois Tilton.

In addition, WisCon's OTHER guest of honor, China Miéville, received a special citation from the Philip K. Dick judges for his novel THE SCAR.

The Nebula Awards are administered, voted and presented by the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA) to acknowledge excellence in science fiction writing. The 2002 Nebulas were awarded on Saturday, April 19, 2003 in Philadelphia, PA. Notably, all the winners have significant WisCon connections,

with the possible exception of Neil Gaiman and LORD OF THE RINGS screenwriters. Here are the winners--

Novel: AMERICAN GODS by Neil Gaiman (Morrow). We think Neil likes WisCon.

Novella: "Bronte's Egg" by Richard Chwedyk (F&F). Richard is a regular WisCon attendee and program participant; he will attend WisCon 27.

Novelettes: "Hell is the Absence of God" by Ted Chiang (STARLIGHT 3). Ted is also a frequent WisCon attendee. He will be reading at WisCon 27.

Short Story: "Creature" by Carol Emshwiller (F&SF). Carol, of course, is WisCon 27's Guest of Honor.

Script: LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING by Frances Walsh, Phillipa Boyens and Peter Jackson (New Line). We think WisCon attendees like the LORD OF THE RINGS films.

Grand Master: Ursula K. Le Guin. Ursula was the Guest of Honor at WisCon 20 and will be attending WisCon 27.

Author Emeritus: Katherine MacLean. Katherine was WisCon's very first Guest of Honor at WisCon 1 in 1977.

MORE LUMINARIES

More authors, editors and artists are signing up for WisCon every day.

Here's a list of names. But you can also find an annotated list on the WisCon web page. The annotated list includes published works by each of our luminaries.

Brian Atteberry
Marleen Barr
Elizabeth Barrett
Christopher Barzak
Judith Berman
Suzanne Alles Blom
Janice Bogstad
Lois McMaster Bujold

Suzy McKee Charnas
Ted Chiang
Richard J. Chwedyk
Bill Clemente
Leah Cutter
Beverly DeWeese
Candas Jane Dorsey
L. Timmel Duchamp
Carolyn Dunn
Suzette Haden Elgin
Heinz Insu Fenkl
Karen Joy Fowler
Diana Pharaoh Francis
Jim Frenkel
Gregory Frost
Terry A. Garey
Sally Miller Gearhart
Molly Gloss
Joan Gordon
Angelica Gorodischer
Hiromi Goto
Gavin Grant
Susan Marie Groppi
Eileen Gunn
M.J. Hardman
Jorjet Harper
Anne Harris
Jed Hartman
Eric Heideman
P.C. Hodgell
Elizabeth Anne Hull
Kij Johnson
Steven Vincent Johnson
Pam Keeseey
Sylvia Kelso
Peg Kerr
John Kessel
Greg Ketter
Paul Kincaid
Ellen Klages
Naomi Kritzer
Ellen Kushner
Justine Larbalestier
Ursula K. LeGuin
David Levine
Kelly Link

Catherine Lundoff
Nick Mamatas
Laurie Marks
Louise Marley
Elise Matthesen
Susan R. Matthews
Elizabeth Matson
Farah Mendlesohn
Mary Anne Mohanraj
Nancy Jane Moore
Lyda Morehouse
Jim Munroe
Pat Murphy
Vera Nazarian
Debbie Notkin
Susan Palwick
Emily Pohl-Weary
Katya Reimann
John Calvin Rezmerski
Carrie Richerson
Diana Rivers
Lori Selke
Nisi Shawl
Delia Sherman
Diane Silver
Kristine Smith
Midori Snyder
Maureen Kincaid Speller
Caroline Stevermer
Susan Stinson
Amy Thomson
Charles Vess
Joan D. Vinge
Élizabeth Vonarburg
Scott Westerfeld
Terri Windling
Laurel Winter
Patricia Wrede

--Jeanne Gomoll
22 April 2003