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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **Registration** (*Balcony Alcove*)
 Free books (*Second floor lobby, near registration*)
 (*members only*)
- 6:00 pm – 12:00 am **Hospitality** (*Chambers*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

- 8:00 am – 9:00 pm **Registration** (*Balcony Alcove*)
- 8:00 am – 1:00 am **Hospitality** (*Chambers*)
 Free books (*Second floor lobby, near registration*)
 (*members only*)
- 3:00 pm **Panel** (*Capitol Ballroom*)
 “Publishing Contracts”, Sean P. Fodera
- 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Cash Bar** (*Longhorn*)
- 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Nominee Ceremony & Photo Op**
 (*Longhorn*)
- 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Mass Autographing** (*Longhorn*)
 Sponsored by BookPeople

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

- 8:00 am – 7:00 pm **Registration** (*Balcony Alcove*)
- 8:00 am – 1:00 am **Hospitality** (*Chambers*)
 Free books (*Second floor lobby, near registration*)
 (*members only*)
- 10:00 am **Panel** (*Capitol Ballroom*)
 “GriefCom”, Paul Melko
- 1:00 pm **SFWA Annual Business Meeting**
 (*Capitol Ballroom*)
- 3:00 pm **Panel** (*Capitol Ballroom*)
 “Kindle”, Dan B. Slater, Amazon.com
- 6:30 pm **Cash Bar** (*outside Capitol Ballroom*)
- 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Nebula Awards Banquet & Ceremony
 (*Capitol Ballroom*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 9:00 am – ??? **Hospitality** (*Chambers*)

GRAND MASTER MICHAEL MOORCOCK

Named one of the 50 greatest postwar British writers by The Times of London, **Michael Moorcock** is best-known for his stories featuring the albino swordsman Elric of Melniboné. Other popular characters created by the prolific Moorcock include Jerry Cornelius and Hawkmoon, characters that, like Elric, are linked by their stories in what has come to be known as the Eternal Champion cycle. Among his many awards, Moorcock won the 1967 Nebula Award for *Behold the Man*, the 1993 British Fantasy Award and the 2000 World Fantasy Award for lifetime achievement. Other notable works by Moorcock include *The Dancers at the End of Time* and *Mother London*.

"As one of the early members of SFWA I feel especially honoured to receive the Grand Master award and particularly pleased that I'll be in Austin to accept it," Moorcock said.

Moorcock is the 25th writer recognized by SFWA as a Grand Master. He joins Robert A. Heinlein (1974), Jack Williamson (1975), Clifford D. Simak (1976), L. Sprague de Camp (1978), Fritz Leiber (1981), Andre Norton (1983), Arthur C. Clarke (1985), Isaac Asimov (1986), Alfred Bester (1987), Ray Bradbury (1988), Lester del Rey (1990), Frederik Pohl (1992), Damon Knight (1994), A. E. van Vogt (1995), Jack Vance (1996), Poul Anderson (1997), Hal Clement (1998), Brian Aldiss (1999), Philip Jose Farmer (2000), Ursula K. Le Guin (2003), Robert Silverberg (2004), Anne McCaffrey (2005), Harlan Ellison (2006) and James Gunn (2007).

The Grand Master represents SFWA's highest accolade and recognizes excellence for a lifetime of contributions to the genres of science fiction and fantasy. Until 2002 the title was simply "Grand Master." In 2002 it was renamed in honor of SFWA's founder, Damon Knight, who died that year.

AUTHOR EMERITUS ARDATH MAYHAR

Ardath Mayhar is a sweet little old lady who writes killer prose. Beginning in 1979 she began publishing a wild variety of works that included science fiction (*The World Ends In Hickory Hollow*), fantasy (*Exile on Vlahil*, *Golden Dream*, *A Fuzzy Odyssey* (a sequel to H. Beam Piper's *Little Fuzzy*), westerns (as Frank Cannon), a mountain man series (as John Kildeer), horror (*The Wall*), folklore (*Slewfoot Sally and the Flying Mule*) and contemporary fiction (*The Absolutely Perfect Horse* with Marylois Dunn, *Carrots and Miggie*, and *Medicine Walk*). She also served on the Writers Digest instructional staff, passing her knowledge and critical eye on to younger writers. Her sweet grandmotherly appearance belies a quick

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wit and fast tongue. Her hair needles have been rumored for years to be dipped in the poison of the black mamba. Appearances are frequently deceiving and no more so than in our Author Emeritus. For more detail check out her website at www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/7172/ardath.html.

TOASTMASTER JOE R. LANSDALE

Joe R. Lansdale is a Texan. That, more than anything, describes him. He is multi-faceted and multi-talented. He has excelled at a variety of fields, including martial arts where he is a two-time Grand Master (as a developer of Shen Chuan and as a fighter). He has won a variety of awards in multiple fields including the Edgar award for *The Bottoms*, the Bram Stoker Award six times, and the British Fantasy Award. In 2007 he was named Grandmaster by the World Horror Convention. He has also written westerns, comics, dark suspense, humorous pieces, and gonzo fiction that can only be described as "Lansdale-esque". He is constantly in demand as a speaker and toastmaster. Listening to him is a treat few forget. Check out his website at www.joerlansdale.com.

SFWA SERVICE AWARD

Melisa Michaels and **Graham P. Collins** will be honored with 2008 SFWA Service Awards at the Nebula Awards® Weekend. The award is made at the sole discretion of the President, and has previously been called the "Service to SFWA Award."

Both Michaels and Collins are receiving the award for the work they did on the SFWA website. Michaels single-handedly founded the website in 1995 and was Webmaster from 1995-2000. Collins took over in 2000, and was Webmaster from 2000 until he stepped down early this year. Both donated prodigious amounts of time and effort to maintaining SFWA's presence on the web, and were influential in making sfwa.org a valuable resource for members and non-members alike.

This is the eighth time that the award has been presented. Previous recipients were Chuq Von Rospach, Sheila Finch, Robin Wayne Bailey, George Zebrowski & Pamela Sargent (joint), Michael Capobianco & Ann Crispin (joint), Kevin O'Donnell, Jr., and Brook West & Julia West (joint).

Prior to 2000, the award was a surprise announcement at the Nebula Awards banquet, but in recent years the recipients have been announced in advance.

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