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Boston Park Plaza Hotel

ARISIA '03

Writer Guest of Honor **Harry Turtledove**
Artist Guests of Honor **Victoria (Poyser) Lisi & Julius Lisi**
Fan Guest of Honor **Anthony R. Lewis, F.N.**
Special Costume Guests **Pierre & Sandy Pettinger**
Special Gaming Guests **Looney Labs** (Kristin Looney, Andrew Looney, Alison Frane)





Mail to: **Arisia '03**
Bldg 600, PMB 322
1 Kendall Square
Cambridge, MA 02139

ARISIA '03 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

ONE FORM PER ADDRESS

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2002 TO RECEIVE THE \$30 RATE

Last Name First

Name on Badge (if different)

Address

City State Zip/Postal Code

Email

- ☐ This is my first Arisia
☐ This is a new address

I am paying for _____ regular membership(s) at \$30 each
_____ babysitting membership(s) at \$30 each (age(s): _____)

☐ check or money order, payable to **Arisia** (do not send cash!)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Credit Card # Expiration

Signature

- ☐ I would like to volunteer for _____
☐ I am planning to hold a party

Please mail this form only to: Arisia '03, Bldg 600 PMB 322, 1 Kendall Sq., Cambridge MA 02139



Mail to: **Reservations**
Boston Park Plaza Hotel
64 Arlington Street
Boston, MA 02116
Fax to: **617-423-1708**

ARISIA '03 HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

ONE FORM PER ROOM

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4PM ON JANUARY 10, 2003
Please read all Hotel information before filling out this form.

Last Name First

Sharing with (List all occupants) Arrival date (if different for shares)

Address

City State Zip/Postal Code

Phone Email

Credit Card # (reservation will not be guaranteed without a valid credit card number) Expiration Date

Signature ☐ AmEx ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Diners Club

ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME _____ **DEPARTURE DATE AND TIME** _____
(Check-in is **after** 4PM) Date Time (Check-out is **before** 12:00 Noon) Date Time

ROOM TYPE (THIS IS ONLY A REQUEST, NOT A GUARANTEE) '1' for first choice, '2' for second choice

☐ Main Single - \$79 ☐ Main Queen - \$99 ☐ Main King - \$119 ☐ Main Double - \$119
☐ Executive King - \$139 ☐ Handicapped King - \$139 ☐ Family Double - \$139
☐ Junior Suite - \$139 ☐ 1-BR Suite - \$225 ☐ 2-BR Suite - \$295

☐ Request cot (limit 2 per room, no cots in Main Single or Main Double) ☐ Request crib
If request of Double is not available, please add a cot to my room: ☐ yes ☐ no

ARISIA BLOCK (pick one)

☐ Quiet ☐ Party ☐ Party Host ☐ Shabbat ☐ Smoking ☐ Staff

☐ Multiple rooms are being reserved on multiple forms.

Please mail this form only to: Reservations, 64 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116. By requesting a reservation attendee agrees to conditions and limitations listed in Hotel Reservations Policies.

Welcome to Arisia '03

New England's largest and most diverse science fiction convention has something for everyone – from literature to science to gaming, music and dance, movies and art, costumes and craft, good food and good conversation. It's non-stop fun from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon – we hope to see you there.

Guests

Harry Turtledove put a Ph.D. in Byzantine history to good use in his historically-based *Videssos* and *Elabon* series. His alternate history works include many short stories, the Civil War classic *The Guns of the South*, the epic *Great War* series set in World War I, and the *Worldwar* series. He won the HOMER Award for Best Short Story in 1990 for "*Designated Hitter*," the John Esthen Cook Award for Southern Fiction in 1993 for *Guns of the South*, the Hugo Award for Best Novella in 1994 for *Down in the Bottomlands*, and the Sidewise Award for Alternate History, Long Form in 1997 for *How Few Remain*, in addition to a Hugo nomination, a Nebula nomination, and three Sidewise nominations.

Victoria (Poyser) Lisi & Julius Lisi combine their talents to form a unique vision: art rooted in classic realism, but drawing its content from the symbolic imagery of dreams, visions, and our inner fantasy world. Victoria's prodigious creative imagination and strong drawing skills, together with Julius's eye for color and design, have won them numerous awards. With over 100 book and magazine covers to their credit, they have, in recent years, branched out into illustrating children's books.

Anthony R. Lewis, F.N. could be considered the founder of modern fandom in Boston. He was a founding member of NESFA, helped start Boskone, and was chair of Noreascon I in 1971. The fact that we have a large, vibrant fannish community in Boston can in many ways be credited to Tony.

Since 1983, **Pierre & Sandy Pettinger** have competed in, judged, worked backstage, or photographed every North American Worldcon masquerade (they were masquerade directors for this year's Worldcon in San José). They were awarded the International Costumers' Guild Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000. This will be their first appearance at an East Coast regional convention.

Looney Labs is That Hippy Gaming Company. They make a variety of inexpensive, portable, and highly contagious games, including *Icehouse*, a free-form strategy game that originated from a short story, *Fluxx*, a card game with ever-changing rules, and most recently, *Nanofictionary*, the card game of telling tiny stories.

Program

Programming at Arisia '03 will include panel discussions, presentations, and workshops on topics of speculative literature, writing and publishing, science, media, comics, gaming, and fandom. There will also be readings, autograph sessions, and storytelling. Special panels and activities will spotlight our Guests of Honor and Special Guests. If you have a program idea, email program@arisia.org.

Fast Track

Fast Track is a convention-within-a-convention geared to fans aged 6 to 12, but open to fans of all ages. Fast Track activities include video, crafts, costuming, and a look behind the scenes at the Masquerade. Storytellers, gamers, and other program participants will share their magic with us. Email fast-track@arisia.org if you would like to sign up your kids, volunteer to help, or receive more information.

Art Show

Our Art Show is an amazing 3-day gallery of science fiction and fantasy art, rendered in paint, print, wood, metal, and cloth. Most pieces are for sale, and Sunday afternoon's art auction is entertaining even for the non-buyer (of course you just came to watch...). Special events include the ever-popular Dueling Easels, where artists create a book cover before your very eyes! If you would like to exhibit your work, email artshow@arisia.org.

Student Art Contest

The Student Art Contest is open to all high school students, working in any medium. Finalists will receive a free membership to Arisia '03, as well as having their art displayed in our Art Show. Winners will receive cash prizes. For more information and a complete set of rules, email student-art@arisia.org.

Masquerade

The high point of Saturday night will be the only masquerade in New England to be run using the International Costumers' Guild class system and guidelines. Part fashion show, part theater – dazzling costumes of all types will be displayed and judged on the large permanent stage in the sumptuous Imperial Ballroom.

This will be a rare opportunity to see Worldcon-level Master-class costumers in a more intimate setting. For more information, email masq@arisia.org.

Music and Dance

There will be plenty of **filking** (fannish folk [and other] singing), both group and solo. At least one concert is planned. Also look for our ever-popular drum circle and belly dance jam. For more information, email filk@arisia.org.

The **period dance** will be a Civil War-era 1860's ball, set in the universe of Harry Turtledove's *Great War* series.

If you prefer a different mood, there will be a **club-style dance** following the Masquerade.

Movies and More

There will be non-stop movies in our 24-hour **Video Theater**, as well as big-screen classics in our **Film Room**, including the now-traditional Friday-night silent movie with live organist.

If that's not enough, our 23 hour a day **Anime Room** will be showing fan favorites, current releases, and some classic vintage anime as well. So if you want your fix of big eyes, big hair, mechas, martial arts, pink-haired cat-girls, a shoujo romance or two, cute little magical girls who blow up cities, and some other spastic comedy as well... we will have them.

ArisiaTV will broadcast all major events, and selected panels and movies, directly to your hotel room, so you don't have to miss a thing!

Gaming

The game room runs 24 hours a day from before the convention starts until after the convention ends, with a wide variety of miniatures, role-playing, and card games scheduled. Pick-up games can be played at any time on unscheduled tables. If you're interested in scheduling a game, email gaming@arisia.org.

Outside the gaming room, there will be at least one Live-Action Role-Playing Game.

In addition to playing Looney Lab games, you can meet the Looneys and their Mad Lab Rabbits at the **Poptart Café**.

Dealers' Room

Looking for something special? Visit the Dealers' Room, where you'll find books, magazines, T-shirts, videos, posters, jewelry, artwork, sculpture, costumes, games, and much more. Also be sure to browse Dealers' Row, where dealers set their own hours. For more information, email dealers@arisia.org.

Connect

Cookies, caffeine, and camaraderie will be available around the clock in the **Hospitality Suite**, the perfect place to relax, have a snack or some soda, pick up the latest newsletter, and meet other fans.

The **Fan Lounge** is the perfect place to get comfy with a fanzine or APA, and perhaps learn a bit of fandom's roots – or life before the Internet, anyway. You can also help produce a one-shot fanzine – we will write, edit, illustrate, lay out, print, and distribute it, all over the course of the weekend!

As usual, Arisia's nightlife will be hopping with **parties**. If you want to host a party, you must contact our party coordinator (email parties@arisia.org). In return, we'll "seed" your party with snacks and soda. Alcohol is not allowed at open parties (those with open doors).

Fan tables will grace the mezzanine throughout the convention, and are free to any recognized organization that signs up in advance. To reserve, email fantables@arisia.org.

Children

Children under 12 years old may attend free as **Kids-in-Tow** (accompanied by an adult member at all times), or may have their own convention memberships. Your child must have a membership to attend **Fast Track** without an adult.

Babysitting is available for children aged 18 months to 6 years. For the same price as a regular membership (\$30 pre-reg, \$40 at the door *if space is available*), we will entertain your children until 11PM each night (except during meal hours). To ensure appropriate staffing levels, you must pre-register for babysitting by November 30, 2002.

Parents of children aged 18-24 months and 6-7 years should contact babysitting@arisia.org to make sure their child is suited for the program. We would also like to hear from anyone who is interested in doing programs or activities for the children, and anyone 16 years or older who is interested in being a babysitter (contact babysitting@arisia.org by November 30).

Volunteering

Arisia is completely volunteer-run, and we need your help in all areas to make everything run smoothly! See what happens "behind the scenes," meet fellow fans, and get that warm glow that comes from knowing that you made a difference.

If you work 8 hours, you will get our limited-edition, not-available-at-any-price staff T-shirt. For only 12 hours, you will get a free membership to next year's convention. If you are available Thursday evening or Sunday evening, volunteer for set-up or tear-down, and earn double hours.

For more information, or to sign up, email gophers@arisia.org. You can also sign up during the convention at the Gopher Hole, which will be stocked with free drinks and snacks for volunteers.

Registration

Save money and join now! Our \$30 pre-registration deadline is **November 30, 2002**; after that, you pay the full at-the-door rate of \$40. (*Do not mail in registrations after January 1, as they may not get to us in time.*) To join, fill out the enclosed form. If you register now, your Progress Report with directions and

a pre-registration confirmation will be in your mailbox by the year-end holiday. If you do not receive your membership packet(s) by January 1, email reg@arisia.org. **Group discounts** are available; please inquire.

If you are a member of the press, or represent a publisher, email press@arisia.org for **press pass** information.

Handicapped Access

As some of our past attendees know, the Park Plaza is a venerable hotel, and handicapped access is awkward to some areas. If you will need handicapped access, please try to let us know as soon as possible. We will have a special packet for you at Arisia Registration.

Hotel

Arisia '03 will again be at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, in the heart of downtown Boston.

The Park Plaza has a large diversity of room sizes and types, so room rates are based upon the **size and type** of room, rather than on the number of people in the room. Note that rooms with two double beds sell out quickly, so please plan accordingly.

Room Types and Rates

- \$79 **Main Single** – Small room with a single bed. Limited floor space.
- \$99 **Main Queen** – Regular room with a queen-sized bed. Some can hold cots.
- \$119 **Main King** – Regular room with a king-sized bed. Some can hold cots.
- \$119 **Main Double** – Regular room with two double beds.
- \$139 **Executive King** – Very large room, king bed, two bathrooms. **Quiet block only.**
- \$139 **Family Double** – Very large room, two double beds, two bathrooms. **Quiet block only.**
- \$139 **Junior Suite** – Huge room with king-sized bed and extra furniture. **Quiet block only.**
- \$225 **1 Bedroom Suite** – King bedroom, separate Parlor with pull-out sofa bed. **Quiet block only.**
- \$295 **2 Bedroom Suite** – The height of luxury, available in very limited quantities. **Quiet block only.**

Room Blocks

Quiet Block – Non-party floors.

Party Block – Dealers Row and Party Floors.

Party Host Block – A limited number of rooms in the Party Area especially appropriate for parties. You must email parties@arisia.org to be confirmed in one of these.

Shabbat Block – A limited number of rooms for attendees with special religious restrictions.

Smoking Block – There is one smoking floor, which is shared with non-Arisia hotel guests. Strictly a quiet floor.

Staff Block – Reserved for our hardworking loyal staff.

Hotel Reservation Policies

To make a reservation, fill out the enclosed form, mail it to the hotel, or fax it to the hotel at 617-423-1708. Please do not call the hotel directly to make a reservation; if you do, your reservation may not be processed properly.

To receive convention rate, reservations should be made by 4 PM January 10, 2003. Reservations received after that date will be accepted only on a space available basis. All room types are a **request** and cannot be guaranteed. Assignment of room types is based on a *first reserved, first served basis*; room types are in limited quantity and may not be available in each block. **ALL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE BY ARISIA.** Once your room has been confirmed, you may verify your assigned room type and block on Arisia's web site (www.arisia.org/hotel), using your confirmation number and last name. Email hotel@arisia.org with any concerns or questions you may have after you receive your confirmation.

Rates

Rates range from \$79 - \$139 per night plus 12.45% tax, depending on room type. You will be informed of your rate when you receive your confirmation letter, approximately 3 weeks after your room registration form is received by the hotel. If the requested room type is not available, you will be confirmed at an alternate rate and wait-listed for your preferred room type and rate. If your preferred room type becomes available later, your reservation and rate will be automatically adjusted to your original request.

Cots (Rollaway Beds) and Cribs

If you need a cot for an extra person, and you inform us now by checking the box on the registration form, the charge will be \$15. The charge for cots requested at check-in will be \$25. There is no charge for cribs, subject to availability. Please check the box on the registration form if you need a crib.

Special Requests and Needs

For special requests, handicapped information, information about suites, etc., please email the hotel at park-plaza@arisia.org, or call 617-457-2435.

Changes and Cancellations

To change or cancel a reservation, please email the hotel at park-plaza@arisia.org, or call 617-457-2435. Changes to a room type will be honored only based on availability. All changes must be received by 4PM on January 10, 2003. Cancellations must be made by 6PM on the day of arrival to avoid a one-night charge of room and tax.