

ARISIA '02

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Boston Park Plaza Hotel

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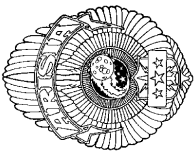
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ARISIA '02 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2001 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

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

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

Please mail this form only to: Arisia '02, 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 '02 HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4PM ON JANUARY 11, 2002
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 (\$97) _____ Main Parlor (\$97) _____ Main Queen (\$107) _____ Main King (\$107) _____
 Main Double (\$117) _____ Executive King (\$117) _____ Handicapped King (\$117) _____
 Family Double (\$127) _____ Junior Suite King (\$127) _____ Suite King (\$127) _____

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 Dealers Row Staff

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 '02

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.

Guests of Honor

Katherine Kurtz is best known for her 13 medieval-fantasy Deryni novels, and associated short stories and reference books. She has also branched out into “crypto-history,” in which the “history behind the history” intertwines with the “official” histories of such diverse periods as the Battle of Britain, the American Revolution, and, most recently, the Knights Templar. She was the winner of the 1982 Balrog Award for her novel *Camber the Heretic*. She lives in a castle in Ireland with two cats, a “silly-looking” dog, and at least two ghosts.

Tristan Alexander has been showing and selling his work at East Coast SF conventions and SCA events for the past 16 years, and has gained a reputation for his male nudes and vampire pictures. He works in acrylic, Prismacolor, pen and ink, marker, pencil, and almost anything else he can make a picture with. He worked as an artist and layout person for The Judges Guild, a D&D supplement company, and has done much work for the Society for Creative Anachronism, where he is currently the Baron of the Barony of Bright Hills (the Baltimore SCA chapter). He lives in Baltimore with his husband and two cats.

Eugene Heller showed up on our doorstep at midnight on the first night of the first Arisia, and immediately put himself to work at Operations. He has been similarly expendable useful at conventions throughout the northeastern and north-central parts of North America, as well as Worldcons and NASFiCs, where he is sometimes mistaken for a very large teddy bear. He is a founder and past chairman of Con*cept, in Montreal.

Program Events

Programming at Arisia '02 will include panel discussions and workshops on 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. If you have a program idea, email program@arisia.org.

This year's theme of “So Long, and Thanks For All the Fish,” in tribute to Douglas Adams, will be carried out with some light-hearted topics that should be fun for all.

We are pleased to welcome back the American team that participated in **Scrapheap Challenge** (shown in the US as *Junkyard Wars*), a British show that challenges you to make machines out of junk. (It might be a submarine, or it might just have to play bocce – you won't know until the day of the competition.) They return from a tour of Lunacon, Balticon, and The Millennium Philcon to host a mini-Scrapheap Challenge at

the con. It was a big hit last year, so we're doing it again.

We will again have an **Ice Cream Social**, featuring some of the best ice cream in ice cream-mad Boston.

Fast Track

Fast Track is a convention-within-a-convention geared to fans aged 6 to 12. But Fast Track is also part of convention programming, and is open to fans of all ages. We welcome both younger children with their parents, and older fans who find our activities amusing.

Fast Track features a range of activities including video, crafts, costuming, and a look behind the scenes at the Masquerade. Storytellers, gamers, and other program participants will share their magic with us. There will also be a lounge area where young fans can play games and relax in a quiet atmosphere.

Email fasttrack@arisia.org if you would like to sign up your kids, volunteer to help, or receive more information.

Art Show

Our Art Show will feature the works of our Artist Guest of Honor, Tristan Alexander, and more than 60 other artists. You may place a written bid on many of the items; those with fewer than four bids on Sunday will be sold to the highest bidder, while those with more bids go to the live Auction. There is also a Print Shop, where fine art prints are available at fixed prices. 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 '02, as well as having their art displayed in our Art Show (where they may choose to sell it, subject to the usual Art Show rules). 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. For more information, email masq@arisia.org.

Music, Dance, & Theater

There will be plenty of **filking** (fannish folk [and other] singing) throughout the weekend, both group and solo, with opportunities to sing along, plus concerts. Also look for our ever-popular drum circle and belly dance jam. For more information, email filk@arisia.org.

In honor of Katherine Kurtz, we will have a

Deryni ball, with medieval costumes and dancing. Instruction will be provided.

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

The Tesseracte Players return to give us a number of **Rocky Horror**-themed events, including showings of both the original movie and its sequel.

Movies and More

Films return to the big screen. We'll have another silent movie with a live organist, as well as a mixture of traditional classics and recent blockbusters.

The movies go on (and on) in the **Video Theater** – 24 hours a day of movies, trailers, shorts, cartoons, etc. In keeping with our theme of “So Long, and Thanks For All the Fish,” we will be showing selected episodes of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

We will again have a 23 hour a day **Anime Room**, showing assorted 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

Once again, we will have 24-hour gaming, with a wide variety of miniatures, role-playing, and card games scheduled, including a Clan Wars Tournament. Pick-up games can be played at any time on unscheduled tables. If you're interested in scheduling a game, email gaming@arisia.org. When the gaming schedule begins to fill out, it will be posted on www.arisia.org.

A vampire-themed Live-Action Role-Playing Game will take place on Saturday night. This will be an independent scenario with all new characters. New players are welcome. Details will be posted on www.arisia.org when available.

How about fighting robots? BantamBots is a sort of combat croquet with modified radio-controlled vehicles. Another contest will mimic sumo wrestling with robots. Rules and specifications will be posted on www.arisia.org when they are finalized.

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, lay out, print, and distribute it, all over the course of the weekend! (Feel free to bring material if you don't want to write it at-con.)

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 ages 2 to 6. 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). Fully qualified staff, including early education teachers, will take care of your children while you enjoy the convention. To ensure appropriate staffing levels, you must pre-register for babysitting by November 30, 2001. For more information, email babysitting@arisia.org.

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, 2001**; 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. Paid memberships may be transferred in writing to another person.

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

We are trying something new this year. As past attendees are aware, the Park Plaza has a large diversity of room sizes and types. This year's room rates are based upon the **size and type** of room, rather than on the number of people in the room. We also recommend making a reservation as soon as possible. Last year all of the rooms with two double beds were allocated by the middle of November, so please plan accordingly.

Room Types and Rates

- \$97 **Main Single** – Small room with a single bed. Limited floor space.
- \$97 **Main Parlor** – The living room half of a suite. Some have pull-out sofa beds. Can hold several cots. **Quiet block only.**
- \$107 **Main Queen** – Regular room with a queen-sized bed. Some can hold cots.
- \$107 **Main King** – Regular room with a king-sized bed. Some can hold cots.
- \$117 **Main Double** – Regular room with two double beds.
- \$117 **Executive King** – Very large room, king bed, two bathrooms. **Quiet block only.**
- \$127 **Family Double** – Very large room, two double beds, two bathrooms. **Quiet block only.**
- \$127 **Junior Suite** – Huge room with king-sized bed and extra furniture. **Quiet block only.**
- \$127 **Suite King** – Regular room with a king-sized bed. The bedroom half of a suite. **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.

Dealers Row – Reserved for Dealers. Email dealers@arisia.org for more information.

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 11, 2002. Reservations received after that date will be accepted only on a space available basis. All room types are a **request** and can not 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 \$97 - \$127 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 bnoonan@starlodge.com, or call 617-457-2435.

Changes and Cancellations

To change or cancel a reservation, please email the hotel at bnoonan@starlodge.com, 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 11, 2002. Cancellations must be made by 6PM on the day of arrival to avoid a one night charge of room and tax.