Minicon 38 Pocket Program

April 18–20, 2002
Millenium Hotel
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Guests of Honor

Robert J. Sawyer
Carolyn Clink
Sue Mason
Steve Macdonald



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Also, the program descriptions herein are edited with the goal of jogging your memory as to which programming items you wanted to participate in. See the full descriptions available on separate sheets for the full scoop.

FRIDAY

1:00 pm

Why Do Panels About Heinlein Always Go Pear-Shaped?
Karen Cooper [m], David Dyer-Bennet, Jim Frenkel, Jim Young
Can we avoid pitched battle vs. reasonable discussion? *(Avenue 2)*

Writer's Library
Mary Kay Kare [m], Ruth Berman, Charles Marx
What books should be in a SF/fantasy writer's library? *(Avenue 3)*

2:00 pm

Female Warriors
Katya Reimann [m], Janice M. Bogstad, Jo Walton
Does the powerful female warrior image make sense? *(Avenue 3)*

Year in Science
Howard Davidson, George Flentke, Robert J. Sawyer, Jon Singer, Susan Smith
What happened this year in the world of science? *(Avenue 2)*

3:00 pm

Gardens in Speculative Fiction, Actual and Symbolic
Jon Singer [m], Ruth Berman, Elise Matthesen, Caroline Stevermer, Patricia C. Wrede
In literature, gardens take on different roles. *(Avenue 3)*

Online Communities
Laurel Krahn [m] , Andrew Bertke, Karen Cooper, David Dyer-Bennet
How do online and print communities compare? *(Avenue 2)*

4:00 pm

Filk Around the World
Steve Macdonald [m]
Steve Macdonald on filk around the world. *(Avenue 3)*

Intellectual Property, DMCA, RIAA, MPAA, and 4th Street USA
Laura Majerus [m], Robert J. Sawyer, Bruce Schneier
Will the Mouse own the world in fifty years? *(Avenue 2)*

5:00 pm

Time Traveler's Medallions (ends 6:30 pm)
Make a Medallion that can take you anywhere. *(Park Avenue)*

7:00 pm

Opening Ceremonies
Laura Jean Fish, David Levine, Larry Sanderson
Notables introduced. Silliness transpiring. *(Loring Ballroom)*

Design a blueprint for your own time machine (ends 8:30 pm)
Using blueprint tools, design your time machine. *(Park Avenue)*

8:00 pm

Ask Dr. Mike (ends 9:30 pm)
John M. Ford [m]
Explaining the inexplicable. *(Loring Ballroom)*

10:00 pm

Australia in 2010: Why Fans Shouldn't Drink Late at Night
Mike Pins [m], Seth Breidbart, Erik Olson, Geri Sullivan, Jim Young
Worldcon bids sneak up from behind and club you. *(Avenue 2)*

Superhero Movies: Old, New, Borrowed, Blue
Joe Agee [m], Lenny Bailes, Jim Frenkel, Larry Sanderson
Superhero movies—what's the allure? *(Avenue 3)*

SATURDAY

10:00 am

Generations the Book, and Other Cyclical Theories of History
Eric Forste [m], Sharon Kahn, Jo Walton
Discussion and critique of the theory that history is driven by a repeating cycle of four generational types. *(Avenue 2)*

Upcoming Conventions, Local and Not Too Far Away
Mike Pins [m], Joe Agee, Kevin G. Austin, Eric M. Heideman, Jeremy Stomberg
Minicon is just one convention out of many. *(Avenue 3)*

Reading: Joel Rosenberg *(Avenue 4)*

11:00 am

Metaphors in Buffy the Vampire Slayer
Laurel Krahn [m], Aliera Brust, Beth Friedman, Michael Lee, Charles Marx
When does it work, and when is it A Message? *(Avenue 2)*

Travel back in time (ends 12:15 pm)
Construct your own sundial. *(Park Avenue)*

When Does Fandom Become a Toxic Lifestyle?
David Cargo [m], Lisa Freitag, Kelley Higgins, Barb Jensen, Hope Leibowitz
Does fandom keep us from taking care of ourselves? *(Avenue 3)*

Reading: Katya Reimann *(Avenue 4)*

12:00 pm

Literary Criticism: What Good Is It?
Janice M. Bogstad [m], Pamela Dean, Phil Kaveny, Patrick Nielsen Hayden
How imaginative writing about SF makes it more fun. *(Avenue 3)*

Privacy vs. Post-Privacy
Robert J. Sawyer, Bruce Schneier
Society records all actions. Utopia or horror? *(Avenue 2)*

Music Workshop (ends 2:00 pm)
Steve Macdonald [m]
Bring your instruments, songs, and experiences. *(Avenue 4)*

1:00 pm

Blogger Contest (starts 1:30 pm, ends 3:00 pm)
Create a new flavor in our laboratory. *(Park Avenue)*

Open Poetry Reading, featuing Carolyn Clink
Laurel Winter [m], Terry Garey, Carolyn Clink
Hosted by Laurel Winter and Terry Garey. *(Avenue 2)*

Rolyplaying for Teens (limit 8, ends 4:30 pm)
Michael Kauper [m], Goran Gustav, John Wrathall
Call of Cthulhu for teens 13–19. *(Loring Ballroom)*

Sue Mason Interview
Sue Mason, Alison Scott
Our guest of honor talks about art, corsets, fanzines, and lots of other stuff. *(Avenue 3)*

2:00 pm

Art Show Tour
Sue Mason [m]
Sue Mason tells us what's what, and why. *(Art Show)*

Reading: David Levine *(Avenue 4)*

Rob Sawyer Interview
Robert Sawyer, Andrew Bertke
Interview of the writer guest of honor. *(Avenue 3)*

To Saturn via Jupiter: NASA's Cassini Mission
Bill Higgins [m]
Look at the results and at the future of Cassini. *(Avenue 2)*

MORE SATURDAY

3:00pm

Fannish History Slide Show
Art Widner [m]
Pictures from Chicon 1 and Denvention 1. *(Avenue 2)*

Junkbox Wars (ends 5:00 pm)
Compete to build the best thingy. *(Loring Ballroom)*

Reading: John M. Ford *(Avenue 4)*

Working-Class Heroes in SF and Fantasy
Katya Reimann [m], Emmet O'Brien
Why are there are precious few of them in SF? *(Avenue 3)*

4:00 pm

Artists' Jam
Sue Mason, Divers Hands
Watch artists riffing. *(Avenue 3)*

Create your model Time Machine (starts 4:30, ends 6:00)
Using clay create a time machine. *(Park Avenue)*

Lord of the Rings as Tragedy
Pamela Dean, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Jo Walton, Mary Kay Kare
Why is this aspect of Tolkien sometimes ignored? *(Avenue 4)*

Troubleshooter Game Show
Seth Breidbart [m], David Dyer-Bennet, Sharon Sbarsky
Panelists cope with real and imaginary scenarios. *(Avenue 2)*

5:00 pm

Lancelot: The First Mary Sue?
Patricia C. Wrede [m], Jim Frenkel, Sue Mason, Jo Walton
Did Malory want to be Lancelot? *(Avenue 2)*

Reading: Jim Young *(Avenue 4)*

TiVos, PVRs, DVD recorders
Laurel Krahn [m], Andrew Bertke, Dean Gahlon, Michael Lee
What's all the fuss about? *(Avenue 3)*

8:00 pm

Religion in Speculative Fiction
C.J. Mills [m], Tracey Callison, Joel Rosenberg, Robert Sawyer
What purpose can religion serve in a story? *(Avenue 2)*

Second-Generation Fandom
Karen Cooper [m], Erik Baker, Thorin Tatge, Sasha Walton
The experiences and perceptions of those born fans. *(Avenue 3)*

9:00 pm

Art Auction (ends 11:00 pm) *(Loring Ballroom)*

Connections Between Fandom and Counterculture in the 1960s: How Our History Affects Modern Fandom
Lydia Nickerson, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Neil Rest, Richard Tatge
Fandom has complex ties to counterculture. *(Avenue 3)*

More Science Programming
Howard Davidson [m], Gordon Garb, Jordin Kare, Jon Singer, Susan Smith
Smart people talk about science in smart ways. *(Avenue 2)*

10:00 pm

Fannish Hoaxes and Legends
Seth Breidbart [m], Neil Rest, Richard Tatge, Art Widner, Laurel Winter
Hear some of the wild, silly stories that bind us. *(Avenue 3)*

Vegetology
Elise Matthesen, Sharon Kahn, Geri Sullivan
What's your vegetable? Your condiment? *(Avenue 2)*

SUNDAY

10:00 am

Landscape of SF Fandom
Kevin G. Austin [m]
Look at what there is to do if you're a fan. *(Avenue 2)*

Magical Realism vs. Fantasy
Phil Kaveny [m], Peg Kerr, Sarah Monette, Jo Walton
Is fantasy using magic in a way that isn't magical? *(Avenue 3)*

Reading: Laurel Winter *(Avenue 4)*

11:00 am

Columbia
Bill Higgins [m], Howard Davidson, Jordin Kare
What did happen to the Columbia? *(Avenue 2)*

Egg Hunt
Join us for our yearly egg hunt. *(Park Avenue)*

Learning How to Write
David D. Levine [m], Peg Kerr, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Robert J. Sawyer, Patricia C. Wrede
Is it possible to learn how to write? *(Avenue 3)*

Reading: Jim Frenkel reads Anne Harris *(Avenue 4)*

12:00 pm

Attractions of Toronto
Colin Hinz [m], Carolyn Clink, Hope Leibowitz, Robert Sawyer
There's more there than just the Worldcon. *(Avenue 2)*

Reading: Jo Walton *(Avenue 4)*

Steve Macdonald Interview
Steve Macdonald, Dave Romm
Our guest of honor talks music and other things. *(Avenue 3)*

1:00 pm

Documenting Ourselves
Elise Matthesen [m], Andrew Bertke, David Dyer-Bennet
Does this change how we perceive our selves? *(Avenue 3)*

Reading: Leah Cutter *(Avenue 4)*

"Rocket Talk" with Fizz and Fuse, the Reactor Brothers
Jordin Kare [m], Bill Higgins
Get the best performance from your rocketship. *(Avenue 2)*

2:00 pm

Fantasy and SF: the Instantiation of Metaphor
Lydia Nickerson [m], Jo Walton
Metaphors can be literal in science fiction or fantasy. *(Avenue 3)*

Minicon 38 Gripe Session
Larry Sanderson [m]
Come and tell us what you liked and didn't. *(Avenue 2)*

Reading: Pamela Dean *(Avenue 4)*

3:00 pm

Asterisk Panel
Jo Walton [m], John M. Ford, Elise Matthesen, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Kathy Routliffe
Wouldn't it be nice if conversations had footnotes? *(Avenue 2)*

Not Just for Kids
Laura Krentz [m], Tracey Callison, Mary Kay Kare, Sasha Walton
Which book you read at 12 do you still treasure today? *(Avenue 4)*

What Do I Read Next?
Eric M. Heideman [m], Russell Letson, Michael Levy
Panelists help you find a follow-up book. *(Avenue 3)*

4:00 pm

Closing Ceremonies *(Loring Ballroom)*

Forum Ballroom

Hucksters and Art Show

Hours:

Fri: 2:00 pm–7:00 pm

Sat: 10:00 am–6:00 pm

Sun: 11:00 am–3:00 pm

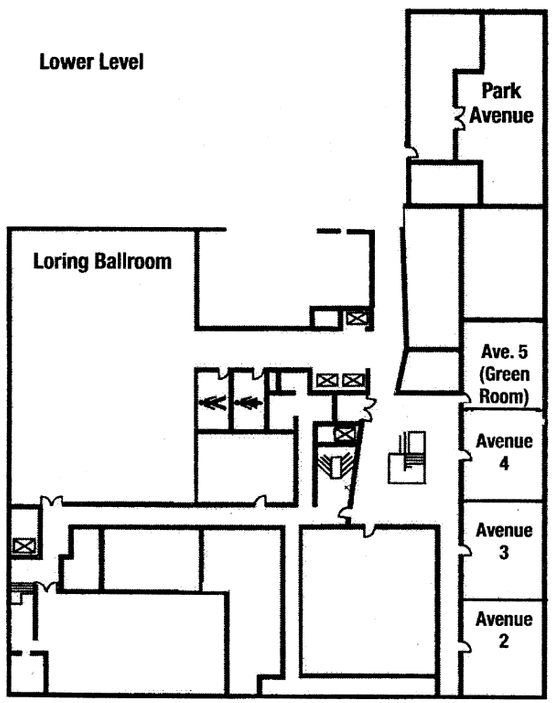
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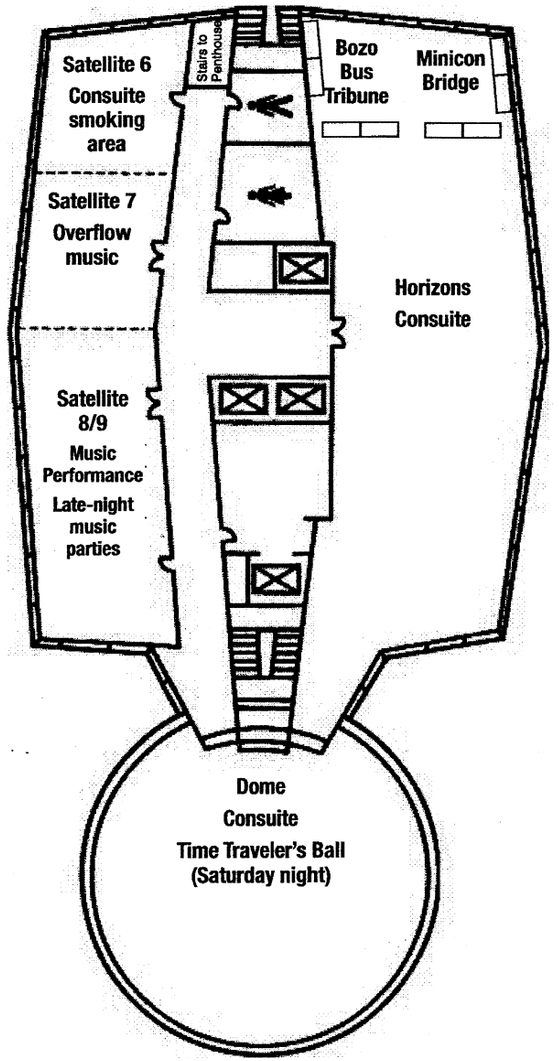
Registration
Fri: 11:00 am–10:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am–6:00 pm

After-hours on the bridge (14th floor).

Autographings
Sat: 1:00 pm
Katya Reimann
Jim Young

2:00 pm
John M. Ford
Joel Rosenberg

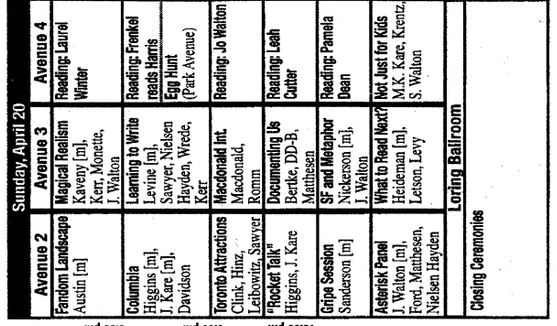




Consuite Music Performance Schedule

Friday
8:00 pm Bob Berlien & Kathy Routliffe
9:00 pm Tramps & Hawkers
10:00 pm Steve Macdonald

Saturday
2:00 pm Krissy & Lady Bear
3:00 pm Dandelion Wine
8:00 pm Sandy Andina
9:00 pm Riverfolk
10:00 pm Blue Dylan



Sunday, April 20	10:00 am	11:00 am	noon	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm
Avenue 4	Reading: Laurel Winter	Reading: Frenkel reads Harris	Egg Hunt (Park Avenue)	Reading: Jo Walton	Reading: Leah Cutter	Reading: Pamela Dean	Not Just for Kids M.K. Kare, Krentz, S. Walton
Avenue 3	Magical Realism Kaveny [m], Kerr, Monette, J. Walton	Learning to Write Levine [m], Sawyer, Nielsen Hayden, Wrede, Kerr		Macdonald Int. Macdonald, Romm	Documenting Us Bertke, DD-B, Matthesen	SF and Metaphor Nickerson [m], J. Walton	What to Read Next? Heideman [m], Letson, Levy
Avenue 2	Fandom Landscape Austin [m]	Columbia Higgins [m], J. Kare [m], Davidson		Toronto Attractions Clink, Hinz, Leibowitz, Sawyer	"Rocket Talk" Higgins, J. Kare	Gripe Session Sanderson [m]	Asterisk Panel J. Walton [m], Ford, Matthesen, Nielsen Hayden
Loring Ballroom	Closing Ceremonies						

Saturday, April 19 (after dinner)	8:00 pm	9:00 pm	10:00 pm
Loring		Art Auction	
Avenue 3	2nd-Generation Fandom Cooper [m], Baker, T. Talge, S. Walton	Counterculture Nickerson, Nielsen Hayden, Rest, R. Talge	Fannish Legends Breidbart [m], Rest, R. Talge, Winter
Avenue 2	Religion Mills, Rosenberg, Sawyer	More Science Davidson, J. Kare, Singer, Smith	Vegetology Matthesen, Kahn, Sullivan

Saturday, April 19 (before dinner)	10:00 am	11:00 am	noon	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	5:00 pm
Loring				Roleplaying (ends 4:30)	Art Show Tour Mason (Art Show)	Junkbox Wars		
Park Ave.		Travel back in time (ends 12:15)		Blogger Contest (starts 1:30)			Create model Time Machine (starts 4:30)	
Avenue 4	Reading: Joel Rosenberg	Reading: Katya Reimann	Music Workshop Macdonald [m]		Reading: David Levine	Reading: John M. Ford	Lodi Tragedy Dean, et. al.	Reading: Jim Young
Avenue 3	Upcoming Cons Pins [m], et. al.	Toxic Lifestyle Cargo [m], et. al.	LitCrit Bogstad [m], et. al.	Sue Mason Int. Mason, Scott	Rob Sawyer Int. Sawyer, Bertke	Working Hero Reimann [m], O'Brien	Artists' Jam Mason, et. al.	TiVos Krahn [m], Bertke, Gahlon, Friedman, Lee
Avenue 2	Cyclical History Forste [m], Kahn, J. Walton	Buffy Metaphor Friedman, Krahn, Marx	Privacy Sawyer, Schneier	Open Poetry Winter [m], Garey, Clink	Cassini Higgins [m]	Fandom History Widner [m]	Troubleshooter Breidbart [m], DD-B, Sbarsky	Lancelot Mason, J. Walton, Wrede

Friday, April 18	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	7:00 pm	8:00 pm	10:00 pm
Park Avenue					Time Medallions	Time Machine Blueprint		
Avenue 3	Writer's Library M.K. Kare [m], Berman, Marx	Female Warriors Bogstad, Reimann, J. Walton	Gardens in Fiction Singer [m], et. al.	World Fiik Macdonald	Loring Ballroom		Ask Dr. Mike John M. Ford [m]	Superhero Movies Agee, Bailes, Frenkel, Sanderson
Avenue 2	Heinlein Panels Cooper [m], DD-B, Frenkel, Young	Year In Science Davidson, et. al.	Online Community Krahn [m], Bertke, Cooper, DD-B	Intellectual Prop. Majerus, Sawyer, Schneier		Opening Ceremonies Fish, Levine, Sanderson		Australia 2010 Breidbart, Pins & Young [m]; Olson, Sullivan