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**Brandon Sanderson**  
Guest Artist  
**Dan Dos Santos**

# Minicon 45

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The deadline both for  
preregistration and a  
discounted hotel room is  
March 10. See inside for  
details.

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We are tickled pink to bring author Brandon Sanderson and artist Dan Dos Santos to the Twin Cities April 2-4, 2010 as Guests of Honor for MINICON 45. The Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis South, our home for many a Minicon, will again be the shiniest fan venue this Easter. For details, visit our website at <<http://www.mnssf.org/minicon45>>

**HOT NEWS !!!** Shortly after being released this fall, Brandon's book 'The Gathering Storm', co-written with Robert Jordan, reached number ONE (squee!!) on the New York Times hardcover Best Seller list. Also recently, at this year's Worldcon, Dan's promotional art for the film 'Hellboy 2' won the 2009 Chesley Award for Best Product Illustration.

## GUEST BIOS

Brandon Sanderson - <<http://www.brandonsanderson.com>>

Brandon spent his childhood in Lincoln, Nebraska. While he was in junior high school, he discovered science fiction and fantasy novels, and was transformed from a reluctant reader into a voracious reader. It was also at this time that Brandon tried to write his first book. "It was dreadful," he says.

Later Brandon studied at Brigham Young University, graduating with his BA in English in 2000, and his Master's in Creative Writing in 2005. Brandon wrote thirteen novels before selling one, but now makes his living as a full-time writer. Brandon's published works include the Mistborn trilogy and other epic fantasy novels released by Tor Books, as well as the Alcatraz Smedry series, which is middle-grade fantasy/adventure from Scholastic Press. In December of 2007 Brandon was asked to complete the last book in Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time series. Brandon teaches a creative writing class at BYU in Provo, Utah, where he lives with his wife and son.

Dan Dos Santos - <<http://www.dandossantos.com>>

Dan's work spans a variety of genres, including novels, comics and film. He has worked for such clients as Disney, Universal Studios, Boeing Aircraft, Saatchi & Saatchi, Scholastic Books, Ace Books, The Greenwich Workshop, Penguin Books, Random House, Bantam Books, Tor books, UpperDeck, Wizards of the Coast, and Dark Horse Comics. Aside from freelance illustration, Dan also co-hosts a series of instructional demonstrations called 'Art Out Loud'.

Dan has been the recipient of many awards. Most recently, he has received the 2007 Jack Gaughan Award for Best Emerging Artist, and was the Chesley Award winner for Best Paperback Cover of 2007. His illustrations have graced the #1 spot on the New York Times Best Seller list.

**REGISTRATION** ~ Act soon to get the low preregistration rates! After March 10, 2010, the at-the-door rates will go into effect. Prereg rates are:

\$45 Adult (21+)      \$25 Student (13-20)      \$20 Kid (6-12)      \$0 Child (0-5)  
\$15 Supporting Membership (upgradeable at the door)

There are four methods available to register for Minicon 45:

1. go to our site and register digitally with PayPal
2. go to our site, print a registration form, and mail it with a check
3. get a reg form from us in person and give it back with a check
4. in the unusual circumstance that the above methods just cannot get a reg form into your hot little hands, our reg head \*may\* be bribed with neat socks or cookies into mailing you one

**HOTEL** ~ Fans can get a discount for reserving a room early. Seriously! This deal of just \$89 is \*only\* available until March 10. Why get a room? It helps keep the registration cost down and you don't have to worry about finding a designated driver, or coxswain, or aeronaut, or such. Finding a good minion ... pfah!

Cabanas - awesome poolside rooms with a view and the potential to avoid the elevators entirely - are available to all fen whether hosting a party or not for THE SAME COST as a regular room until the deadline. To arrange, email our parties head <[parties@minicon45.mnssf.org](mailto:parties@minicon45.mnssf.org)> Don't worry. Our parties head won't let us lose parties this way :)

For a regular room, call the Sheraton at 952-835-7800 and declare that you are attending the most excellent Minicon, or go online to <<http://www.mnssf.org/minicon45/hotel>>

**FOR NOW** ... Some words from Minicon 44's Author GoH Karl Schroeder - "the friendliness of the people and casual atmosphere of the event made GOH-ing an absolutely delightful experience [...] made me feel like I was the one being entertained rather than me being the main entertainer." We'd quote more but we're modest Minnesotans after all. For the full quote visit <<http://www.kschroeder.com/weblog/archive/2009/04/14/thanks-minicon>>

Carpe Con!

- Minicon 45 Publications Queen, er Head :)