



(Art credit Vincent Chong)

World Fantasy Convention 2025

Progress Report 2

Thursday 30th October - Sunday 2nd November
Double Tree by Hilton Brighton Metropole
www.WorldFantasy2025.co.uk

And in a while came Arleon back to the king's right hand, and raised his harp and chanted and told of Brighton. Far away it was, and far and far away, a city of gleaming ramparts rising one over other, and marble terraces behind the ramparts, and fountains shimmering on the terraces. To Brighton the elf-kings with their fairies had first retreated from men, and had built it on an evening late in May by blowing their elfin horns. Brighton! Brighton!

- **Not Dunsany.**

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Welcome to Progress Report 2 on World Fantasy Convention 2025.

Preparations continue, plans and meetings occur with increasing regularity.

Members of the committee visited Brighton in early March, enjoying the bright spring sunshine and discussing the logistical details of the event with the hotel team at the Double Tree. After a cold English February, blue skies and a visit to the seaside made for a lovely day out. Sometimes work can be a pleasure too.

Bookings proceed apace. Thank you to everyone who has registered to attend already. If you get the chance, do take a look at the Members List (<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/member-list/>). Everyone can post a public profile on the website after they have purchased a membership of the convention. If you need a little help filling in your own profile, do get in touch and we'll be happy to assist.

Time ticks on... Work to be done...

This progress report includes information on:

- Guests of Honour and MC for the event.
- WFC Art Show
- WFC FAQ (<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/f-a-q/>)
- WFC 2025 Horror Laureate: Ramsey Campbell
- The World Fantasy Awards
- WFC Advertising (<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/shop/>)
- WFC Discord (<https://discord.gg/enfUuvzk4b>)

If you need to contact us, do email enquiries@WorldFantasy2025.co.uk or message us via social media.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Brighton.

From Karen and all the WFC 2025 Team



World Fantasy Convention 2025 will be held from **Thursday 30th October** to **Sunday 2nd November** at the Double Tree by Hilton Brighton Metropole.

If you have not already bought membership, please do so via our website:

www.WorldFantasy2025.co.uk

Prices will increase over time, so book soon for the best price.

WFC 2025 Guests of Honour Updates

Our guests are:

Author Guest of Honour: [Suniti Namjoshi](#)

Artist Guest of Honour: [Vincent Chong](#)

MC: [Sarah Pinborough](#)

Each guest now has a dedicated page on our website. These are linked above, just click on their names. This is where you can find out about their amazing creative works.



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WFC Art Show

The Art Jury is busy looking at applications for the art show, there may still be some space available, but you do need to let us know as soon as possible as we will be closing for applications soon.

You can fill out the form via our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/art-show/>

F. A. Q.

We have a new F.A.Q. page on our website covering topics such as; “How do I get my name on the member list?” and “how do I volunteer to be on a panel?” It can be found here:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/f-a-q/>

Introducing WFC2025 Horror Laureate: Ramsey Campbell

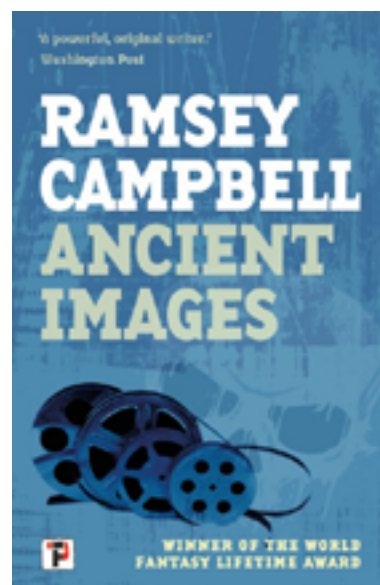
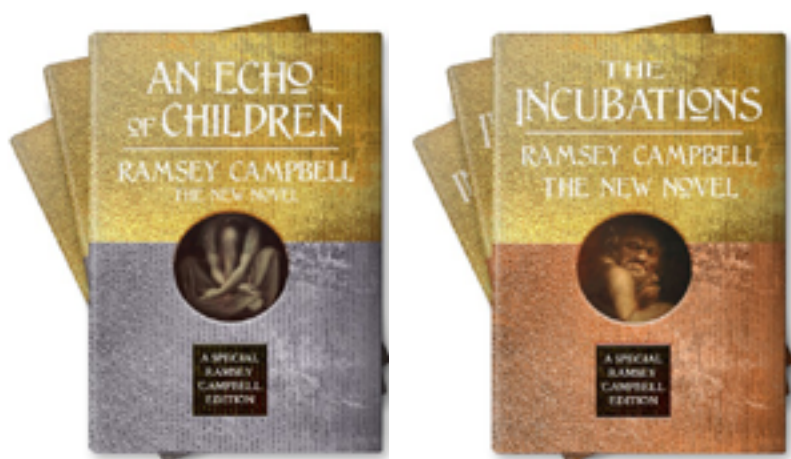
As part of our programme theme '50 Years of British Fantasy and Horror', we are celebrating Ramsey Campbell as our Horror Laureate.

The Oxford Companion to English Literature describes Ramsey Campbell as "Britain's most respected living horror writer", and the Washington Post sums up his work as "one of the monumental accomplishments of modern popular fiction". His awards include the Grand Master Award of the World Horror Convention, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Horror Writers Association, the Living Legend Award of the International Horror Guild and the World Fantasy Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2015 he was made an Honorary Fellow of Liverpool John Moores University for outstanding services to literature.



Photograph supplied by the Author

Ramsey celebrated his 60th Anniversary of his debut publishing in 2024, meaning that his work and influence spans the 50 years, both as an author, the longest running President of the British Fantasy Society (1977 - 2013) and his inimitable presence at Fantasycon in the UK.



The World Fantasy Awards

The details of how to nominate are at the end of this document, along with the voting sheet. If you received this by email we have also attached the .docx and .txt versions of the voting sheet.

We are also delighted that the judges of the Awards (appointed by the WFC Board) are also hoping to join us in Brighton. These are; James Brogden, Jessica Day George, Lee Murray, Jonathan Oliver and Molly Tanzer.

You can also send your own works to the Judges, the details of how to do this are on our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/world-fantasy-awards/>

Do note; Members of this convention and Fantasycon 2024 attendees (and BFS Members) are eligible to nominate in the British Fantasy Awards also, which are being presented on the evening of Saturday 1st November. Details of this will be released closer to the time.



WFC 2025

Advertising

We would love to feature your book/project in our Souvenir Book or Programme booklet. Adverts start from £50 and go up to £500, depending on which publication, the size of your advert and whether you are a large organisation or small business/individual author.

Ideally, we would like the actual advert to be sent to us by the end of March.

You can pay for these and get further information about this via our shop:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/shop/>

When you purchase your advert, we will be in touch with you to go through the specifications needed for the the publication you are advertising in.

WFC 2025

Discord

We have a Discord server for WFC members, this is available for all Attending and Online members. It is not available for supporting memberships or day attendance.

This gives members an opportunity to socialise online, find out about dealers and artists and receive event announcements/information. We hope to have programme items listed there with details of timing and rooms, but to view recorded or streaming programme items you will need to login to the website.

It would be incredibly helpful if people who would like to use our discord could login so we can approve your access prior to us getting onsite/setting up for the event. This will also help us to iron out any issues in plenty of time.

The link for the server is:

<https://discord.gg/enfUuvzk4b>

We will need to match your details with a membership before you get full access, if you have not yet purchased your event membership, you will need to do this first.



A welcoming community for all those who love, read, write, edit, publicise - and more! - in speculative fiction

Established in 1971 as the British Weird Fantasy Society, the British Fantasy Society (as we're now known) is dedicated to celebrating everything to do with speculative fiction from this country. Our members represent all aspects of the fantasy world (though we await our first dragon), and gather to meet, chat, share, help, debate, and create.

Community

We connect fantasy readers, writers, and industry professionals both online and IRL.

Promote

We offer members opportunities to promote themselves and their work, including through our weekly member profiles and guest post opportunities.

Celebrate

Fantasycon and the British Fantasy Awards help our community to connect, network & get recognition.

Inform

Members receive our regular publications, BFS Horizons and BFS Journal, plus our newsletter and access to our members-only Discord server.

Annual memberships start at just £25! Details at: www.britishfantasysociety.org

Brighton: Places to Stay and Visit

Bedrooms in the convention hotel can now be booked either via the hotel website directly or via the link for the convention rate of £199 per room, per night (£211 for double occupancy). Please do compare the prices to get the best price.

The hotel website is:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bshmedi-double-tree-brighton-metropole/>

The convention booking link is:

<https://eventsathilton.com/show/676abbf155bde6425c2877af>

You can book alternate accommodation via Visit Brighton:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/WFC2025>

They are adding more options as venues agree discounted rates for our event. Hopefully, this helps you to find an option which suits your requirements and budget.


Visit Brighton also have discounts for attractions of their website for WFC 2025 attendees:

<https://www.visitbrighton.com/special-offers/delegate-deals-o2311>

Offers are likely to change nearer the time, so do check back to see what is still valid and what has been added.

More Hotel and Travel tourism information can be found on our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/travel/>



Member list, Profile, Programme & Receipts

If you need to check your payment went through correctly or get a record of this; firstly you should receive a confirmation email. Secondly, use your chosen user name and password (created when you bought your membership) to login to the website. In the Member Center, on the Subscriptions tab you will see your membership type (Attending, Online, etc.) listed as a Subscription and the status should be listed as active. If it is listed as inactive or you can't login then it is likely that it has not gone through, but do drop us an email, enquiries@WorldFantasy2025.co.uk if you are not sure.

If you would like to appear on the list of members on our website. After you have bought your membership, please go to the Member Centre option and click on Edit Profile. Here you can fill in the name you would like displayed on the website. If you do not want your name on the website, please tick the Hide Me from Member listing option. If your badge name reads as "Please Update" then it will not be displayed on the website, so please do ensure this is updated.

The member list can be found on our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/member-list/>

You can update your profile in Member Centre, add a photo, bio and a link to your website. You can also indicate if you would like a signing space at the Mass Autographing session and any accessibility and dietary needs which we use to plan the event and refreshments.

If you would like to be on programme items such as panels, talks, workshops and readings you can change your status from Member to Participant in the Participation section. Once updated, this will give you the option to fill out a participation form letting us know what type of activity you would be up for. There will be a deadline for filling this out, but the sooner you do this, the sooner we can start planning the content of the event.

Food and Awards Banquet at the Convention

We are working with the venue to provide a number of options for food and drink for purchase at the venue, including burgers, jacket potatoes and sandwiches. We aim to have reasonably priced, meat, vegan and gluten free options, as well as all the allergy information you would expect, available in the social area of the convention.

We will also be putting together a restaurant guide letting you know about nearby options.

The World Fantasy Awards Banquet will be held at lunch time on Sunday 2nd November. The tickets for this are in addition to the cost of membership. You do not need a banquet ticket to attend the Awards themselves.

Tickets can be purchased our website shop:
<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/shop/>

The banquet is a fixed menu, but you do have the option of the Meat or Vegetarian menu. If you have stated no dietary requirements you will get the Meat option as the default. If you have already bought a ticket for this and wish to have the vegetarian menu instead, do please drop us an email. Other allergies and dietary requirements can be catered for. If there is not an easy way to add this to the shop item (there are some options listed) then please do drop us an email.

The meat based menu is:

Starter: *Warm caramelised onion & Goats cheese tart, beetroot salad (V)*

Main: *Chicken breast, rainbow carrots, sun-blushed tomato, Tenderstem broccoli, champ potato, jus.*

Dessert: *Honeycomb cheesecake.*

The vegetarian menu is:

Starter: *Hummus, beetroot falafel, sourdough ancient grains pita bread, pomegranate (Ve)*

Main: *Butternut squash, cumin and lentil wellington, seasonal vegetables, mash potato (Ve).*

Dessert: *Chocolate brownie torte (Ve).*



The ticket will also include a glass of wine and bread & butter (or vegan spread).

If you would prefer not to have wine on your table, for religious or personal reasons, please let us know and we will try to seat you with those who feel the same.

You can let us know if you would like to sit with someone specific, a table can accommodate 10 people. If your group is smaller than 10 people we will add additional people to make up the table numbers. If we need to split your group we will let you know.



2025 World Fantasy AwardsSM Ballot

This is the details of nominations for the World Fantasy Awards. You are eligible to nominate if you are a member of this year's World Fantasy Convention. at the time of voting, or a member of the previous two conventions; at Kansas City or Niagara Falls. Your ballot details (name and email address) will be compared to the relevant membership lists to ensure your eligibility.

Eligibility of the Work

All nominated material must have been published in 2024 or have a 2024 cover date.

Only living persons may be nominated.

When listing stories or other material that may not be familiar to all the judges, please include pertinent information such as author, editor, Publisher/Source, magazine name and date, etc.

Nominations

You may nominate up to five items in each category, in no particular order. You don't have to nominate items in every category, but you must nominate in more than one. The items are not point-rated. The two items receiving the most nominations (except for those ineligible) will be placed on the final ballot. The remainder are added by the judges.

The awards are presented following the World Fantasy Convention Banquet on Sunday 2nd November in Brighton. You do need to be a member of WFC 2025 (or have a day attendance for the Sunday) to be present at the awards.



Casting a Ballot by Post

Please post the ballot in an envelope to:

Gordon Van Gelder
P.O. Box 3447
Hoboken, NJ 07030
USA

The ballot must be postmarked by June 1, 2022.

Cast a Ballot by Email

An email ballot can be sent to:
WFCballots@gmail.com





2025 World Fantasy AwardsSM Ballot

Name: _____ Email: _____

LIFE ACHIEVEMENT

Previous awards have been presented to:

Forrest J Ackerman, Lloyd Alexander, Ellen Asher, Betty Ballantine, Peter S. Beagle, Everett F. Bleiler, Robert Bloch, Jorge Luis Borges, Ray Bradbury, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Terry Brooks, Ginjer Buchanan, Italo Calvino, Ramsey Campbell, Edd Cartier, Hugh B. Cave, Susan Cooper, John Crowley, Peter Crowther, Roald Dahl, Ellen Datlow, Avram Davidson, L. Sprague de Camp, Charles de Lint, Samuel R. Delany, Leo & Diane Dillon, Tom Doherty, John Douglas, Harlan Ellison, Carol Emshwiller, Stephen Fabian, Philip José Farmer, Edward L. Ferman, Jack Finney, Jo Fletcher, Karen Joy Fowler, Frank Frazetta, Alan Garner, Angélica Gorodischer, Donald M. Grant, David G. Hartwell, Diana Wynne Jones, Stephen King, R.A. Lafferty, Madeleine L'Engle, Ursula K. Le Guin, Tanith Lee, Fritz Leiber, Megan Lindholm, Frank Belknap Long, Brian Lumley, George R.R. Martin, Richard Matheson, Patricia A. McKillip, Hayao Miyazaki, Michael Moorcock, C.L. Moore, Rowena Morrill, Andre Norton, Terry Pratchett, E. Hoffmann Price, Ray Russell, Andrzej Sapkowski, George Scithers, Peter Straub, Theodore Sturgeon, Sheri S. Tepper, Jack Vance, Howard Waldrop, Evangeline Walton, Donald Wandrei, Marina Warner, Manly Wade Wellman, Jack Williamson, Gahan Wilson, Terri Windling, Gene Wolfe, Elizabeth R. Wollheim, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, Jane Yolen, Jack Zipes

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NOVELLA - 10,001 to 40,000 words

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SHORT FICTION - 10,000 words and under

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ARTIST –Audrey Benjaminsen is not eligible

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SPECIAL AWARD - PROFESSIONAL –Liza Groen Trombi is not eligible

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SPECIAL AWARD - NON-PROFESSIONAL – Lynne M. Thomas and Michael Damian Thomas are not eligible

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