# MYTHOSCON: THE LARGEST GATHERING OF MYTHOS PROS!

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MORE TO COME!

# MYTHOSCON: YOUR PLACE FOR ALL THINGS LOVECRAFTIAN!

H. P. Lovecraft

Howard Phillips Lovecraft (1890 - 1937) was an American author of horror, fantasy, and science fiction, known then simply as weird fiction. Lovecraft's major invention was cosmic horror; the idea that life is incomprehensible to human minds and that

the universe is fundamentally alien. Lovecraft has developed a cult following for his Cthulhu Mythos, a series of loosely interconnected tales featuring a pantheon of human-nullifying entities, and the Necronomicon, a fictional book of evil.

ALL SORTS OF SHOGGOTHIAN THINGS TO SEE AND DO! THE ONLY CONVENTION OF ITS KIND! THE PLACE TO BE IF YOU ARE A LOVECRAFT ENTHUSIAST! 50+ MYTHOS AUTHORS, DESIGNERS, ARTISTS, OTHER GUESTS! LARGE MERCHANT ROOM WITH MYTHOS THEME!

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SCREENING ROOM WITH THE BEST OF LOVECRAFTIAN VIDEOS! PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO CTHULHU - HE WANTS YOU!



Merchant Room



Show



**Panel** Discussions



Gaming



Readings



Screenings



Reception











Virtual **Walking Tour** 



Parties!



# CURRENT MYTHOSCON PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

#### -----THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH. 2011-----

2:30 PM - Opening ceremonies -- Statement of purpose, Convention Orientation, Why a Mythoscon? Panelists: ADAM NISWANDER, MARK BONIECE

3:00 PM Introduction to Call of Cthulhu gaming -- Come And meet the folks who created, and will be running it; then go sacrifice yourself to the gaming gods.

Panelists: CHARLIE KRANK, JONATHAN TROOP

4:00 PM - Those Who Influenced / inspired Lovecraft (Part I) --

Poe and Dunsany: Even Lovecraft admitted they influenced his early work. What did they have that he admired? Is it true that Lovecraft's writing can be categorized as representing his Poe period, his Dunsanian period, and his later writings? What elements did they have in common?

Panelists: S.T. JOSHI, DARRELL SCHWEITZER, SCOTT CONNORS

5:00 PM - Those Who Influenced / inspired Lovecraft (Part II) -- Everybody Else: Chambers, Machen (rhymes with blacken), and others. Can we see what Lovecraft found so inspiring in their writings as well?

Panelists: JOHN LANGAN, STEVEN J. MARICONDA, JEFFREY CAREY

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Supper and Happy Hour Break (2 hours)

------SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2011------

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM - The Cthulhu Prayer Breakfast followed by Prayer Service.

This is a SEPARATELY TICKETED event.
Conducted by: HIGH PRIEST ROBERT M. PRICE
Hymns Directed by: BROTHER DARRELL SCHWEITZER

12:00 PM - Small Presses I - Keeping the Mythos alive. Panelists: W. PAUL GANLEY, JERAD WALTERS, JOHN PELAN

1:00 PM - Small Presses II -- Keeping the Mythos alive. Panelists: TOM LYNCH, CODY GOODFELLOW, DERRICK HUSSEY, WILLIAM JONES

2:00 PM - The Arkham Collector - Some of our program participants are among the last living authors who were published in The Arkham Collector. They did not meet Lovecraft, but were inspired by him, and encouraged by Derleth.

Panelists: ALAN DEAN FOSTER, WALT DEBILL, RAMSEY CAMPBELL, DONALD SIDNEY-FRYER, W. PAUL GANLEY

3:00 PM - Books of the Mythos - The tomes either real or born in the imaginations of Lovecraft, Block, Howard, Smith, Chambers, Tierney, and others.

Panelists: ADAM NISWANDER, LYN CESAR, MICHAEL CISCO, PETER ATKINS

8:00 PM - Weird Tales: Market of Markets -- March 1923,
Volume 1, Number 1 through today. A discussion of that
Pioneering magazine. A look at the literature, the art, and the
influence it had on our field. It established the market that brought
us here today.
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9:00 PM - Lovecraft's Mythos Creatures -- Gods, aliens, messengers, servants? Who or What did Lovecraft actually describe and name? What did he leave unknown? Were there other critters created by other writers?

Panelists: MICHAEL STACKPOLE, TOM LYNCH, JENNA PITMAN

10:00 PM - Reception Pre-Registration and Early Arrivals -- Meet the Pros on site. Cash Bar. Promotional/Publisher/Private Parties follow.

### 9:00 AM - Panel -- (This slot reserved for a Catch-up panel --

-----FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2011------

anyone we might miss or arrives at the last minute)

10:00 AM - The Lovecraft Circle (Part I) -- The Original Circle

- included Robert H. Barlow, Robert Bloch, August Derleth, Clifford M. Eddy, Robert E. Howard, Henry Kutner, Frank Belknap Long, J. Vernon Shea, Clark Ashton Smith and Donald Wandrei.

  Panelists: SCOTT CONNORS, CHUCK HOFFMAN, RON HILGER
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- 11:00 AM The Lovecraft Circle (Part II) -- The Later Circle.
  Those who followed or are following in Lovecraft's footsteps.
  Panelists: JONATHAN THOMAS, YUONNE NAVARRO, RAMSEY

CAMPBELL. DENNIS ETCHISON

Film - The H. P. Lovecraft On Film - The H. P. Lovecraft Film Festival Portland, Los Angeles. The first LA event was in September. Reportedly, the last Portland Event was in October. The head of the new LA Festival is here to tell us about it. The HPL Historical Society, already awesome for The Call of Cthulhu, has just finished filming their newest cinematic triumph The Whisperer In Darkness. They are here to tell us about it! Panelists: AARON VANEK, SEAN BRANNEY, ANDREW LEMAN

5:00 PM - Poetry of the Lovecraft Circle and Beyond -Discussion of poetry by Lovecraft, Clark Ashton Smith, Robert E.
Howard, Donald Wandrei and numerous others.
Panelists: DONALD SIDNEY-FRYER, ANN K. SCHWADER, FRED
PHILLIPS

8:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Happy Hour and Supper Break (2 hours)
8:00 PM - Scholarship -- Setting the record straight.

Panelists: S.T. JOSHI, DONALD R. BURLESON, DONOVAN K. LOUCKS

9:30 PM to 11:00 PM - Mass Autographing -- Get all those books

11:00 PM - End of Scheduled activities.
Publisher Parties, Private Parties.

signed!

RICHARD GAUIN

9:00 AM - Contemporary Mythos Writing -- Who else is keeping the Mythos alive with new perspectives?

Panelists: LOIS GRESH. SIMON STRANTZAS. RICHARD DAKAN.

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM - Lunch Break (1 hour)

1:00 PM - The Old Gentleman, his Life and Death -- Lovecraft's biography.

Panelists: KEN FAIG JR., S.T. JOSHI, MOLLIE BURLESON

2:00 PM - "Lovecraft's Mythos Tales and Novels -- "All my tales are based on the fundamental premise that common human laws and interests and emotions have no validity or significance in the vast cosmos-at-large." But just which stories should be included in a list of Lovecraft's Mythos Tales is a matter of debate and sometimes vigorous disagreement.

Panelists: MATT CARDIN, JASON BROCK, PETER CANNON

3:00 PM - Contemporary Mythos Tales -- Schwader, Shea, Sargent, Pugmire, Pulver, Niswander, and others. Who are they? Panelists: CODY GOODFELLOW, WILUM H. PUGMIRE, WESTON OCHSE, MICHAEL SHEA

4:00 PM - Virtual Walking Tour of Providence and environs. Conducted by: JASON ECKHARDT

5:00 PM - Virtual Tour of Lovecraft's New England. Conducted by: DONOVAN K. LOUCKS

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Supper/Happy Hour Break (2 hours)

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM - Art Reception -- Cash Bar, in addition to hors'd oeuvres, wine and cheese.

10:00 PM - End of scheduled activities. Publisher Parties, Private Parties.

10:00 AM — Lovecraft's letters — He wrote letters. A huge bunch of letters. What the heck is an Epistlerian anyway? Just how important are his letters?

Panelists: S.T. JOSHI. STEVE MARICONDA, DONALD R. BURLESON

11:00 AM - Chaosium Fiction -- Yeah, they do more than gaming. And we have a bunch of the authors here. The Call of Cthulhu Fiction line, Robert M. Price Series Editor.

Panelists: CHARLIE KRANK, STEPHEN MARK RAINEY, ROBERT M. PRICE

12:00 Noon - HPL's Revisions -- Lovecraft helped other writers for a fee, making tales better. That's how Lovecraft earned a living. Zealia Bishop, Hazel Heald, Harry Houdini, William Lumley and others took advantage of Lovecraft's strengths. Editing the Mythos.

Panelists: JOHN PELAN, STEFFAN ALETTI, S.T. JOSHI

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM - Lunch Break (1 hour)

2:00 PM - Panel -- (This slot reserved for a Catch-up panel -- anyone we might miss or arrives at the last minute)

3:00 PM - Compliments and Complaints -- We will either bask or shrivel in the heat. Will you come back if we are crazy enough to do this again in the future? Will the world end before we can? Being eternal optimists, these are our plans for the next few years.

Panelists: ADAM NISWANDER, MARK BONIECE

5:00 PM - Dead Dog Party PLUS! -- Don't want it to end? It doesn't have to. Food, music, conversation, until (Who knows?).