

ARCANA 42: A CONVENTION OF THE DARK FANTASTIC

October 19-21, 2012

Best Western – Bandana Square, 1010 Bandana Blvd W, St. Paul MN (651) 647-1637

Guest of Honor: S.T. JOSHI

S.T. Joshi is an award-winning Indian American critic, novelist, and scholar, specializing in H.P. Lovecraft and other authors of fantastic and weird fiction. He has authored several books, including the Bram Stoker Award-winning *H.P. Lovecraft: A Life*, expanded as *I am Providence: The Life and Times of H.P. Lovecraft* (two vols.); *The Weird Tale*, *The Modern Weird Tale*, and *The Evolution of the Weird Tale*. He has edited many books, including the letters exchanged by H.P. Lovecraft and August Derleth (with David E. Schultz), and between Lovecraft and Robert E. Howard (with Schultz and Rusty Burke); story collections by Ambrose Bierce, Bram Stoker, Algernon Blackwood, Arthur Machen, and M.R. James; *Atheism: A Reader*; *The Agnostic Reader*; *The Unabridged Devil's Dictionary* by Bierce; and collected essays of Mark Twain and Clarence Darrow.

Programming Arcana features its usual solid track of panels, presentations, readings, and films related to the dark fantastic, including reading and autographing by S.T. Joshi, and panels on H.P. Lovecraft and other classic horror writers and on international horror cinema. To volunteer and/or submit ideas, contact Eric M. Heideman (see below). Priority to ideas received by August 1.

Dealers & Art Dealers get our lowest membership rate (\$25 per person; plus \$30 for a table). Contact Brian K. Perry, (see below). Attending Artists may opt for the same membership-and-table rate as dealers, or may display a la carte, at \$1 per bid sheet (per piece). Walk-in art will be accepted from a non-attending artist or agent at the rate of \$2.00 per bid sheet. No mail-in art is accepted. Artwork that receives two or more Silent Auction bids will be included in the Auction Saturday night. Contact Brian, bperry8268@aol.com. Arcana and its representatives are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged art items.

Auction Rare and unusual dark-fantastic books, films, artwork, materials. To donate or consign material, contact Eric M. Heideman (see below).

Hotel The Best Western, 1010 Bandana Blvd W, at Bandana Square, St Paul, is a former railroad station with original tracks running through the lobby, and has a swimming pool, sauna, free internet computer, and free wireless. A free Continental breakfast is served in the lobby for hotel guests. Bandana Square next door has the Twin City Model Railroad Museum (admission \$6). A nearby restaurant is Gabes by the Park, 991 Lexington Pkwy N (about three blocks from the hotel). A variety of restaurants lie within a mile and a half. The hotel has a strong connection to the fan community: this year it hosts the Western convention Con-Sarnit June 1-2, and the speculative fiction convention Diversicon August 3-5. Arcana will meet there for the **21st consecutive year**. Rates are \$94.99 + tax/night. Mention Arcana when reserving your room: 651-647-1637. Deadline: September 28.

Hospitality Arcana is a mellow but stimulating gathering of readers and viewers of the dark fantastic. Part of our pleasant social atmosphere is our Hospitality Suite, open Friday, mid-afternoon-late night, Saturday, mid-morning to late night, and Sunday, mid-morning-mid-afternoon, run by Thomas Marchlewski, Jennifer Marchlewski, Sybil M. Smith, and their associates. Stop in for refreshments and conversation. Hospitality will be supplemented by **Krushenko's** late night Friday and Saturday and mid-to-late night Sunday, featuring films and conversation.

**Membership: \$30 through August 1, 2012; \$35 through October 1;
\$10 Supporting through October 1; \$20 Converting; \$40 At the Door**

Arcana 42 Registration

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Address _____

City, State/Province, Postal Code _____

Email _____ Website _____ Phone(s) _____

I'd like info on: Program participation Dealer table Art display Party hosting Volunteering

Enclose check or money order and mail to: ARCANA 42, Arcana, PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis MN 55408.

Make checks payable to Arcana. (Do not mail cash.) Or pay via PayPal to arcanacon@comcast.net

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