

## PRESS RELEASE #1 - MIDAMERICON II ANNOUNCES HUGO NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN

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Kansas City, Missouri, USA - MidAmeriCon II, the 74th World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon), is delighted to announce that the 2016 Hugo Award and 1941 Retro Hugo Award nomination period is now open.

Nomination ballots will be accepted from January 28, 2016, to Thursday, March 31, 2016, 11:59 PM PDT for the prestigious Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. Members of MidAmeriCon II and Worldcon 75 (the 2017 Worldcon) who joined by January 31, 2016, and all members of Sasquan, the 2015 Worldcon, are invited to submit nominating ballots.

The Hugo Awards are the premier award in the science fiction genre, honoring science fiction literature and media as well as the genre's fans. The Awards were first presented at the 1953 World Science Fiction Convention in Philadelphia (Philcon II), and they have continued to honor science fiction and fantasy notables for more than 60 years.

More information about the Hugo Awards, including details about how to submit a nominating ballot, is available from <http://midamericon2.org/the-hugo-awards/hugo-nominations/>. Nominations may be submitted by postal mail or online.

For additional information, contact us at [hugoadmin@midamericon2.org](mailto:hugoadmin@midamericon2.org).

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MidAmeriCon II is the 2016 World Science Fiction Convention ("Worldcon"). The first Worldcon occurred in New York City in 1939 and Worldcons have been held annually since then except for 1942-45 when there was no event due to World War II. MidAmeriCon II's Guests of Honor are Tamora Pierce, Kinuko Y. Craft, Patrick and Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Michael Swanwick with Toastmaster Pat Cadigan.

For more details about the convention or to purchase memberships, visit [www.midamericon2.org](http://www.midamericon2.org). Send press questions, or requests to be removed from the MidAmeriCon II press release mailing list, to [press@midamericon2.org](mailto:press@midamericon2.org). Send general queries to [info@midamericon2.org](mailto:info@midamericon2.org). "World Science Fiction Society," "WSFS," "World Science Fiction Convention," "Worldcon," "NASFiC," "Hugo Award," and the distinctive design of the Hugo Award Rocket are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.