We are glad you're here

Hello. I am Ida Abimbola; that is my image above. As my friend Rudy explained yesterday, I am another one of the faces you have seen representing yesterday's future at Seattle Worldcon.

We wish a warm welcome to staff, volunteers, members and our Guests of Honor. If you are not from this area, welcome to the beautiful Pacific Northwest! Bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Rocky Mountains to the east. the PNW stretches from Oregon up through Washington, Idaho, and embraces British Columbia. Within Washington state, you'll find dense forests, sleeping volcanic peaks, desert flats, rolling hills, the giant-driftwood filled coast of the mighty Pacific, an inland sea and deep lakes.

At Worldcon, the genres we love are as varied as this area's topography. For example, I may be the CEO of a tech company, but not many would assume I'm as big a fan of historical fiction, urban fantasy and speculative poetry. In fact, I'm quite excited that among our Guests of Honor we have poet laureate Brandon O'Brien at Worldcon.

Do you know your favorite genre? If not, this is the perfect place to sample and explore! Your adventures at Worldcon are limited only by your imagination.



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When in the World(con)?

There is so much to do and see at Worldcon! But when do all the moving parts start moving? When do the Dealer's Room, Art Show and special exhibits open? When can you get into the Worldcon Cantina? When does all that fabulous Programming start?

Find all of that and more on the Convention Hours page: https://seattlein2025.org/programand-events/hours/



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Overheard

Please submit those "makes sense at a con, but not so much elsewhere" or "only at a scifi/fantasy convention" things you overhear in our halls, panels, events and parties.

Overheard yesterday:

"I, personally, am going to wear my elf ears!"

OH at convention load-in: "That box is entirely coconuts."

"I was going to walk in the parade with the professional fairies, but the goblins complained and said we were too high drama, and we got kicked out. Can you say irony?"

Be kind during this future rewind

Conventions can be stressful and overwhelming. Something might not go exactly as planned. There may be lines, event or panel rooms may be full, or a presenter might be unable to make a panel.

The volunteer staff of Seattle Worldcon is working as hard as possible (some for several years) to make sure everything runs smoothly. But if it doesn't, please be kind, respectful and assume positive intent. We also expect all of our attendees to abide by our code of conduct:

https://seattlein2025.org/about/conduct-anddiversity/code-of-conduct/

Visit the drum exhibit!

On the fourth level, just outside the Kid's Program area, Eva Caye is displaying her personal collection of drums and other percussion instruments for everyone to enjoy.

"This exhibit is intended to connect you to the rhythm of your life," said Eva.

"Sit for a moment with a drum; use it to speak with your own divinely quirky soul's rhythm!"

'Zine webpage 🛉 issues and extras



Film Festival

The Seattle Worldcon 2025 Film Festival celebrates science fiction, fantasy, horror and other speculative films from around the globe. The Film Festival is free to all attending members, Aug. 13–17, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. dailv.

https://seattlein2025.org/pro gram-andevents/events/film-festival/

To mask or not to mask

Our staff, members and auests may mask or not mask at their own discretion. Masking, as a good general rule of public health when in groups of folks, is encouraged, but not required: https://seattlein2025.org/about/health/#mas

Harassing others for their masking choice is prohibited. "No mask shaming," says the Plague Doctor. "It's not just about COVID. Con Crud is a thing, people!"

More health stuff

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Seattle Worldcon 2025 will be working to help people stay healthy during the convention. Should you develop symptoms of COVID/Flu, tests will also be available at Convention Operations (Summit Room 440 / Sheraton Everett Room) or you can request contactless delivery of tests to your hotel room.

If you need a test kit delivered, or if you test positive for either Influenza A/B or COVID, please do one of these three things:

- Email us at health@seattlein2025.org
- Complete our Google Form [https://forms.ale/LwDXSmkMQEaXS1zL6]
- Self-report in our Discord channel #diseaseself-reporting.

This will help us track and warn members about where exposures may have occurred.



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The Daily Zine and Nightly Zine are the news sheets for Seattle Worldcon 2025. The 'Zines are published as a morning edition released at 9 a.m. and an evening edition released at 2 p.m. Info blurbs and photos from you, the convention members, are welcome and encouraged. The deadline is 10 p.m. for the next day's edition and 11:59 p.m. for the next evening's edition. Email your photos and submissions to zine@seattlein2025.org.

Your intrepid galactic explorer is Caitlin Cormier. Your entertainment-feed super star is Shelley George and pathfinder-drone programmer is Greg Burton. Special thanks to hyperspace navigator Michael Hanscom, aperture-control-system tech Kelcey Bauer and cloud-computing meteorologist Grant Dobbe. All gratitude to debris deflector Kevin Black and freehold leader Kathy Bond.

Like launching a deep-space research vessel, it takes a lot to get a Worldcon off the ground. All the fen, doing all the things: https://seattlein2025.org/about/committee-and-staff.