



June 10, 2022 - For Immediate Release

Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due to be Guests of Honor at Chicon 8

Chicon 8, the 2022 World Science Fiction Convention, is delighted to announce Steven Barnes and Tananarive Due as additional Guests of Honor for this year's Worldcon. They join Chicon's existing Guests of Honor: artist Floyd Norman, fans Joe Siclari and Edie Stern, and the late Erle Korshak (who will be honored in memoriam), and our special Guests: writer and sociologist Dr. Eve L. Ewing, comic artist Gene Ha, and illustration and concept artist Eric Wilkerson.

Worldcon's Guests of Honor represent a Hall of Fame of the field's most significant contributors and influences—writers, editors, artists, fans, musicians, scientists and astronauts among them. Steven and Tananarive join the roll-call of 235 people who have been honored in this way since artist Frank R. Paul was Guest of Honor at the very first Worldcon in 1939.

Steven Barnes is the NY Times bestselling author of over thirty novels of science fiction, horror, and suspense. The Image, Endeavor and Cable-Ace Award winning author also writes for television, including *The Twilight Zone*, *Stargate SG-1*, *Andromeda*, and an Emmy Award winning episode of *The Outer Limits*. He has taught at UCLA, Seattle University, and lectured at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Steven was born in Los Angeles, California, and except for a decade in the Northwest, and three years in Atlanta Georgia, has lived in that area all his life.

Tananarive Due (tah-nah-nah-REEVE doo) is an award-winning author who teaches Black Horror and Afrofuturism at UCLA. She is an executive producer on Shudder's groundbreaking documentary *Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror*. A leading voice in Black speculative fiction for more than 20 years, Due has won an American Book Award, an NAACP Image Award, and a British Fantasy Award and her writing has been included in best-of-the-year anthologies. Her books include *Ghost Summer: Stories*, *My Soul to Keep*, and *The Good House*. She and her late mother, civil rights activist Patricia Stephens Due, co-authored *Freedom in the Family: A Mother-Daughter Memoir of the Fight for Civil Rights*.

Steven and Tananarive are frequent collaborators as well as married couple. Working together, they wrote "A Small Town" for Season 2 of Jordan Peele's *The Twilight Zone* on Paramount+, and two segments of Shudder's anthology film *Horror Noire*. They also co-wrote the upcoming Black Horror graphic novel *The Keeper*, illustrated by Marco Finnegan.

Steven and Tananarive have also collaborated to create online courses in Afrofuturism (www.afrofuturismwebinar.com), Black Horror (www.sunkenplaceclass.com), and Screenwriting, as well as co-hosting a podcast, *Lifewriting: Write for Your Life!* They live in California with their son Jason.

ENDS

© 2022 "Chicago in 2022 Worldcon" (501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation) d/b/a Chicon 8. "World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon", "NASFiC", "Hugo Award", the Hugo Award Logo, and the distinctive design of the Hugo Award Trophy Rocket are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

The 80th World Science Fiction Convention, Chicon 8, will take place in Chicago, Illinois, USA from 1-5 September 2022. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <http://chicon.org>. All media releases are available at <http://chicon.org/home/about-worldcon/press-and-media/>. Follow us on Twitter at [@chicagoworldcon](https://twitter.com/chicagoworldcon).

Please send press and media queries to press@chicon.org.