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Odyssey Con IX

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FANTASY AUTHORS BULL, ROTHFUSS ARE GUESTS AT ODD-CON IX IN MADISON

MADISON, Wis. — Madison’s annual fan-based science-fiction/fantasy and gaming convention, Odyssey-Con, will take place April 24-26 at the Radisson Hotel Madison, located at 517 Grand Canyon Drive, on Madison’s west side. Odyssey-Con, or “Odd-Con” for short, is now in its ninth straight year of bringing together fans and gamers from across Wisconsin and the entire Midwest. About 350 people attend Odd-Con annually.

Guests of Honor for Odd-Con IX are authors Emma Bull and Patrick Rothfuss. Special Fan Guest of Honor this year is Georgie Schnobrich. Previously announced guest, author Tobias Buckell, had to cancel due to family issues. Odd-Con wishes him all the best.

Bull, a graduate of Beloit College, best-known novel is “War for the Oaks,” which is one of the pioneering works in the urban fantasy genre. Her 1991 post-apocalyptic novel “Bone Dance” was nominated for the Hugo, Nebula, and World Fantasy Awards. Bull’s latest novel, “Territory,” was also nominated for a World Fantasy Award. Her husband, author Will Shetterly, will also attend Odd-Con IX. His novel “Gospel of the Knife” was nominated for a World Fantasy Award.

Rothfuss, a Madison native, won the Writers of the Future competition in 2002. Today, he is best known for his novel “The Name of the Wind,” which was named one of the best books of the year by Publisher’s Weekly of 2007, and the novel also won the Quill Award that year.

Other guests returning to Odd-Con this year are authors Richard Chedwyck and Sarah Monette. Also returning are Tor Books editor Jim Frenkel and Richard Russell, who has volunteered for World Science Fiction Conventions and World Fantasy Conventions, as well as previously running a live call-in Dungeons and Dragons show on WYOU in Madison. FilmCon is running special programming once again at Odd-Con this year, with an emphasis on the TV show “Supernatural.”

A full weekend of fan-based panel discussions, role-playing, and LAN games are scheduled. A full line of games, from local company Out of the Box Games, will be available for demonstrations and playing. There will be a dealer's room where books, videos, games, and collectables will be available for purchase. Additional activities include an art show, a costume contest, a video room, author readings, and a charity auction.

Pre-registration will last until April 3. Full weekend memberships will be \$35 for adults, \$25 for students (with student ID shown at the door), \$15 for youth (ages 6-12) memberships, and \$20 for a day pass. Otherwise, at-the-door rates will be \$45 for a full weekend membership for adults, \$35 for students (with student ID shown at the door), \$25 for youth (ages 6-12), and \$25 for a single day pass. Children under the age of 6 are free with an accompanying registered parent.

For registration and more information, visit the website www.oddcon.com.