

Archon 48 Returns to Collinsville October 3-5!

The region's longest-running sci-fi/fantasy, gaming and cosplay convention takes over the Gateway Convention Center and DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, bringing thousands of fans together for an unforgettable weekend.



Collinsville, Illinois Sep 21, 2025 (Issuewire.com) - Since 1977 Archon has brought science fiction and fantasy fans, authors, artists and creators together for a weekend of fun!

Highlights of the weekend include open cosplay, four formal costume presentations and contests, the Archon Art Show; over 200 panels featuring pro guests speaking on various subjects; scores of authors, artists and other creators; a 10,000 sq ft dealers room; two large board and card gaming rooms; nine filk concerts; and a lively late-night scene at our host hotel.

The weekend's keystone event is the Archon Grand Masquerade (Saturday 8pm), where contestants take the stage to showcase their costumes in brief skits, musical numbers, or comedy routines. The Archon Crew creates a setting and mood with state-of-the-art LED lighting and full sound system.

Over the decades we have expanded our focus to include anime and will even hold a geek-themed car show in 2025.

We're pleased to announce seven Guests of Honor for Archon 48:

- Guest of Honor: Melinda M. Snodgrass, author and screenwriter
- Artist: Alyssa Winans, 2025 Hugo Award winner
- Filk: Tim Griffin, educator, singer and songwriter
- Media: Carrie Savage, voice actor
- Fan: Tony Mast, fundraiser and party organizer

- Masquerade MC: Kevin Dulle, costumer and artist
- Toastmaster: Keith R.A. DeCandido, author, blogger and podcaster

Proceeds from the 2025 charity auction and commemorative pin sales will benefit Tenth Life Cat Rescue <https://tenthlifecats.org>. Archon 47 (2024) raised \$3000 for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis (<https://dsagsl.org/>).

Event Details:

- Event: Archon 48
- Dates/times: October 3-5
- Locations:
 - HQ: Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr, Collinsville IL 62234
 - Event hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 1000 Eastport Plaza Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234 (adjacent to the GCC)
- Cost: full weekend \$75 at the door; daily, young adult, youth and children's rates also available
- For more information
 - archonstl.org
 - facebook.com/archonstl

About Archon

Archon is presented by St. Louis Science Fiction, Ltd. It is an internationally known, highly regarded and well attended science fiction and fantasy convention. Archon is an all-volunteer organization, locally organized and locally staffed, and presented each year by St. Louis area science fiction and fantasy fans.

It includes internationally known media guests, scientists, writers, artists, merchandise dealers and performers and a world recognized Masquerade; its goal is to bring to St Louis -- and science fiction fandom everywhere -- a celebration of the imagination.

We are an Institutional Member of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. and Host of The North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC) in 2007 (Archon 31/TuckerCon).

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