

I M P U L S E

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NEXT MonSFFA MEETING: SATURDAY, MAY 11

1:00PM-5:00PM

Le Nouvel Hotel
1740 Boul. René-Lévesque O
(corner St-Mathieu)

“Salle Maisonneuve”
(South Tower)

...and simultaneously on ZOOM!

www.MonSFFA.ca

MonSFFA has moved back downtown and now meets in Le Nouvel Hotel's “Salle Maisonneuve.” Le Nouvel is only one block west of our pre-pandemic meeting place, and located on a major bus line. Nearest Metro: Guy/Concordia or Lucien-L'Allier, both just a short walk from Le Nouvel!

MEETING THEME: *The day after our May meeting is Mother's Day! Sarah Connor, Joyce Byers, Molly Weasley, Cordelia Naismith Vorkosigan, Padme Amidala, Helen “Elastigirl” Parr, Beverly Crusher, the Alien Queen, the Horta!—name you favourite SF&F moms.*

MAY AGENDA INCLUDES:

- **GUEST SPEAKER**—We welcome SF writer Rich Larson for a Q&A!
- **THE LOST WORLDS OF SF&F**—We explore the genre's “Lost Worlds” in both literature and film!
- **THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE!**—Discussion: pros and cons of different mediums when telling the same story!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8: Field Trip to Montreal Biodôme!
(see lead item)

NEW
MEETING
HALL!

MonSFFen CHOOSE VISIT TO BIODÔME AS CLUB'S 2024 FIELD TRIP!

Club members in attendance at MonSFFA's April 13 meeting selected, from a list of seven possibilities, the Montreal Biodôme as our 2024 club field trip destination. The field trip will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 8.

The Biodôme is a zoological exhibition Encapsulating five distinct ecosystems of the Americas, including Canada's Laurentian Maple Forest, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and Coastal Labrador. MonSFFen, and their families and friends, are invited to join us as we view the many plants and animals of these natural environments!

We will meet-up in the Biodôme's main-entrance lobby between noon and 12:30PM—*don't be late!*—with the intention of entering the exhibition together at 1:00PM, or possibly 1:30PM—the number of people allowed in at one time is controlled, so we aim to enter as a group during the same time block.

Tickets are \$17.50/adult (price for Montreal-island and -area residents); discounts are available for students, seniors, and children. Each club member is responsible for their own transportation to and from the Biodôme, and for their own admission charge.

The Biodôme (4777 avenue Pierre-De Coubertin) is located at the base of the Olympic Stadium in the city's East End (Metro Viau). Paid parking is available for anyone driving in; parking lot is located close by at 3000 rue Viau. Street parking in the area is also an option, but of course is subject to availability.

Visit the “Espace pour la vie” Website, Biodôme section, for more information:
www.espacepurlavie.ca

NO IMPULSE IN JUNE

This edition of *Impulse* has been designated the May-June 2024 issue. Please note that *Impulse* will

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP FEES?

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the club's normal operation for more than three years! During this period, our regular in-person meetings were suspended, and the payment of annual fees were deferred.

The club has now begun again collecting those annual membership fees, this in order to return to a positive cash flow situation, and so cover the monthly costs of renewed operations.

Standard membership remains only \$25 annually. We offer a family rate of \$40. Add \$10 to either of these to enjoy our premium “Platinum” membership level. Please complete the form below, include payment (cheque or money order made out to “MonSFFA”), and mail to:

MonSFFA, c/o
29 Harold
Kirkland, Québec, Canada
H9J 1R7

MonSFFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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not publish next month, June 2024. The club news bulletin will return in July of 2024.

SF WRITER RICH LARSON TO SPEAK AT CLUB'S MAY 11 MEETING!

Montreal-based SF writer Rich Larson is scheduled to speak at our May 11 meeting! His books include *Annex*, *Ymir*, and the short story collection *Tomorrow Factory*.

Rich has been praised by Gardner Dozois as "One of the best new writers to enter science fiction in more than a decade." He was born in Galmi, Niger, and has lived in Spain and the Czech Republic. His fiction has been translated into over a dozen languages, among them Polish, French, Romanian and Japanese.

Rich will speak on his personal creative process, the mechanics of writing short fiction, the business of selling same, and the transition to novel writing. A Q&A will follow, and Rich will cover, as well, his experience with the Emmy-winning television adaptation of one of his stories for *LOVE DEATH + ROBOTS*!

Check out Rich's bibliography at the Internet Speculative Fiction Database:

isfdb.org/cgi-bin/ea.cgi?Rich%20Larson

In advance of his guesting at our May meeting, sample some of his fiction online at:

https://www.freesfonline.net/authors/Rich_Larson.html

A special nod of thanks to *Warp* editor Danny Sichel, who arranged for Rich's appearance.

APRIL 13 MonSFFA MEETING

In the wake of the April 8 total solar eclipse, clearly observable in the skies over most of Montreal, MonSFFen shared their experiences viewing the celestial event, along with their photographs of the eclipse, some of which have since been posted to the club's Website.

Cathy Palmer-Lister moderated a discussion asking folk what book or movie or television series first got them interested in science fiction and fantasy, sparking a lifelong interest in the genre. Interestingly, *Star Trek* figured prominently for most, whether the original 1960s series or subsequent iterations such as *Next Generation*. The real-world space program, and the first moon landing in 1969 were also cited as events that excited imaginations about space exploration, and drew us to stories of travelling to other planets, encountering aliens, and such.

Keith Braithwaite gave a presentation on the career of B-movie film producer/director William Castle, known for the marketing and audience-participation gimmicks he employed to promote his collection of horror and sci-fi movies during the late-1950s and 1960s. Castle was something of a carnival barker, a gregarious, old-fashioned showman, but his publicity campaigns were legendary and a lot of fun, enhancing for his audiences the movie-going experience. He certainly had an interesting career in the entertainment business, as Keith outlined, was passionate about the horror genre in particular, and definitely left his mark.

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Both Cathy and Keith's segments ran long, so a scheduled game to cap the meeting had to be scratched until a future date.

Before the close of the day's agenda, the group voted on our planned June field trip, electing to visit the Montreal Biodôme, a zoological facility adjacent the Olympic Stadium. The Biodôme was completely renovated not that long ago. (See lead item for details regarding our 2024 field trip.)

We thank Cathy Palmer-Lister, Keith Braithwaite, and all of our contributing programme participants and meeting planners for their invaluable contributions to this event.

POPULAR MonSFFA BOOK SALE RETURNS THIS FALL!

We are thrilled to officially announce the *Return of The Super Sci-Fi Book Sale!* Consider this note an early heads-up to all science fiction and fantasy readers. MonSFFA is re-launching its popular, fund-raising SF/F used book sale, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, **October 19, 2024!** Locale: Le Nouvel Hotel, Salle St-Mathieu! Open to the public from noon to 3:30PM. Cash-only sales, please.

Expect *amazing prices* on thousands of *amazing stories* by science fiction and fantasy authors from *Asimov* to *Zelazny*!

We've got plenty of inventory left over from past sales, plus lots of fresh stock, including items from the legacy of our late friend, collector, and club member Sylvain St-Pierre. And we're clearing it all at astonishingly low prices!

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