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AUSSIECON 4  
68<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention  
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## **Aussiecon 4 Invites Art Show and Dealers Room Bookings**

Artists and dealers specialising in science fiction, fantasy and horror can now apply for space in the Art Show and Dealers Room respectively at Aussiecon 4, the 68th World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon), to be held in Melbourne, Australia, 2-6 September 2010.

The Art Show will showcase original artworks of a science fiction, fantasy, or fannish nature, with artists encouraged to display and sell both flat and 3D pieces. It is expected to be one of the largest science fiction art shows for the year internationally.

The hugely popular Dealers Room is open to all who trade in science fiction, fantasy and horror-related literature (books, magazines, anthologies), clothing, merchandise, jewelry, armour, artwork, and so on. Nearly all members of the convention will visit the Dealers Room at least once during their time at Aussiecon 4, so this is a prime opportunity.

Taking place at the new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, the five-day Aussiecon 4 event will celebrate all aspects of international and Australian science fiction, fantasy and horror. Official Guests of Honour will be Kim Stanley Robinson, multi-award winning author, Shaun Tan, award-winning artist and writer, and active Australian fan, Robin Johnson. The convention is expected to draw thousands of attendees from both the Asia Pacific region and around the world.

Registration information for Aussiecon 4, as well as full details of how to apply for the Art Show and Dealers Room, can be found at the official web site at [www.aussiecon4.org.au](http://www.aussiecon4.org.au).

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Aussiecon 4, the 68<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention ("Worldcon"), will place Australia at the centre of the science fiction and fantasy world. The convention will be held 2-6 September 2010 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Guests of Honour include award-winning author Kim Stanley Robinson, award-winning Melbourne artist Shaun Tan, and dedicated fan Robin Johnson.

The Worldcon annual convention brings together people, both professionals and fans, from all over the world who have an interest in the science fiction and fantasy genres. Although the emphasis of the convention is on the literary side, all other forms, such as film, television, and comics, are included. Programming includes panel discussions, lectures, science demonstrations, films, readings, and autographings.

Aussiecon 4 is so named because it is the fourth Worldcon to be held in Australia and all have been held in Melbourne. Previous conventions (1975, 1985, [1999](#)) were

widely acclaimed. The convention is run entirely by volunteers. Most of the committee and staff are from Australia but some committee members participate from other parts of the world

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