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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! We are looking forward to welcoming fans from all over the world to DisCon III, returning Worldcon to Washington, DC for the first time in 47 years. We are very excited to present our current guests and anticipate adding more. We can't wait to share our initial ideas and plans with you, and look forward to your thoughts too.

– Bill Lawhorn and Colette H. Fozard, Co-Chairs, DisCon III

AUTHOR GUEST OF HONOR NANCY KRESS is the author of thirty-five books, including twenty-eight novels, four collections of short stories, and three books on writing. Her work has won six Nebulas, two Hugos, a Sturgeon, and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award. Her most recent work is *Terran Tomorrow*, the conclusion of her *Yesterday's Kin* series. Like much of her work, this series concerns genetic engineering.

SPECIAL GUEST MALKA OLDER is a writer, aid worker, and sociologist. Her science-fiction political thriller *Infomocracy* was named one of the best books of 2016 by *Kirkus*, *Book Riot*, and the *Washington Post*, and shortlisted for the 2019 Neukom Institute Literary Arts Award. With the sequels *Null States* (2017) and *State Tectonics* (2018), she completed the *Centenal Cycle* trilogy, a finalist for the Hugo Best Series Award of 2018. She is also the creator of the serial *Ninth Step Station*, currently running on *Serial Box*, and her short story collection *And Other Disasters* will come out in December 2019.

SPECIAL GUEST SHEREE RENÉE THOMAS is an award-winning short fiction writer, poet, and editor with fellowships and residencies from the Millay Colony of Arts, Bread Loaf Environmental, VCCA, Cave Canem Foundation, and Smith College. Her work is inspired by myth and folklore, natural science and conjure, her roots in Memphis, and in the genius culture created in the Mississippi Delta. She is the author of *Sleeping Under the Tree of Life* (Aqueduct Press), longlisted for the 2016 James Tiptree, Jr. Award and honored with a Publishers Weekly Starred Review and *Shotgun Lullabies* (Aqueduct), described as a "revelatory work like Jean Toomer's *Cane*." Her work is widely anthologized and her essays have appeared in the *New York Times*.

EDITOR GUEST OF HONOR TONI WEISSKOPF succeeded Jim Baen as publisher of Baen Books, a leading publisher of SF and fantasy, in 2006. With Josepha Sherman she compiled and annotated the definitive volume of subversive children's folklore, *Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts*, published by August House. Weisskopf is a graduate of Oberlin College with a degree in anthropology. She is the mother of a delightful daughter, and lives in a hundred-year-old house with two cats, too many dogs, and just enough spears. She is also interested in space science and is an participant in the Tennessee Valley Interstellar Workshop.

FAN GUEST OF HONOR BEN YALOW's first convention he attended was Lunacon in 1971, followed by his first Worldcon, Noreascon. He has attended roughly eight hundred cons and staffed over three hundred. DisCon III will be the 50th anniversary of his first Worldcon, and he hasn't missed any in between.

Full biographies of our guests are available at DisCon3.org.

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