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# NECRONOMICON PROVIDENCE

THE STARS ARE RIGHT ... *Again*

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Howard Phillips Lovecraft, born in Providence in 1890, is widely considered to be the father of modern supernatural fiction. In tribute to his legacy, the Lovecraft Arts and Sciences Council, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in his hometown, is organizing **NecronomiCon Providence**, a multi-faceted convention exploring the works of Lovecraft, his contemporaries, and the modern writers and artists that he continues to influence. This three-day event will feature renowned speakers, panel discussions, and workshops. Participants will be further rewarded with historic tours, art exhibits, film screenings, plays, and concerts that will immerse them in the city he loved and called home – Providence, Rhode Island.

Unusual for an event of this sort, we plan to bring attendees outside the traditional confining walls of the convention hall and into the streets to showcase and celebrate the character of Lovecraft's city. Working with the municipality, area universities, and local businesses, we are creating a convention that will draw many people to Providence, and help to maintain its status as a destination city, a city that Lovecraft venerated, and immortalized in the minds of countless individuals around the world. It was in this centuries old city that Lovecraft was born, and where his literary mythologies were formed – and those ancient strains still resonate here today.

Theme: "The Rational Mind in Supernatural Literature" – an exploration of the intersection of art and science that lies at the foundation of the H. P. Lovecraft mythos literary genre. The name NecronomiCon is a tribute to the fictional ancient book of knowledge he conceived in his stories, and serves to underscore this theme.

**Date: August 22-25, 2013**, to coincide with Lovecraft birthday celebrations in Providence.

Subjects to be explored over the three-day convention:

- Literature: Science Fiction, Horror, Mythology...
- Science and Exploration: Astronomy, Archaeology, Biology...
- History: Primordial, Pre-Colombian, Colonial, 1920s...
- Culture: Art, Architecture, Cinema, Theater, Music, Poetry, Gaming, Food...

Many of the foremost Lovecraft mythos scholars and writers have signed on to be a part of this event, including S.T. Joshi, Robert M. Price, Stuart Gordon, W.H. Pugmire, Caitlin R. Kiernan, Laird Barron, and many others. To date, there is already so much positive buzz in the literary and pop-culture community surrounding our plans, that this is expected to be the preeminent Lovecraft conference of the decade, and the largest convention of its kind anywhere in the world.

As we move past the formative steps, we are looking for SPONSORSHIPS and GRANT SUPPORT to help implement this long-overdue tribute to Providence's own begotten. After more than a decade since the last Lovecraft convention in Providence, the roots have set for a newly invigorated NecronomiCon in August 2013. If you'd like to be a material part of this, with an anticipated audience of upwards of a thousand hungry and passionate fans from around the nation and the world, please contact us via email or phone listed below or through our website.

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## PROPOSED EVENTS

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During the course of the three-day convention, NecronomiCon Providence will showcase a wide variety of engaging programs.

- Speakers and panel discussions covering all aspects of the Lovecraft legacy
- Art exhibits featuring local and international artists inspired by the tales of H.P. Lovecraft
- Film series highlighting cinematic works (full-length features and short films), including classics and new releases
- The infamous Cthulhu Prayer Breakfast, presided over by Robert M. Price
- Gaming rooms for the popular Mythos-based role-playing and board games
- A citywide scavenger hunt organized by the H.P. Lovecraft Historical Society
- Guided tours of Lovecraft's Providence with stops at key locations in his life and stories
- Vendors representing publishers, authors, artists, cultural organizations, and Lovecraft-themed merchandise
- Collaborative exhibits with area museums, libraries, and observatory
- Workshops on prop-making, film production, and other hands-on activities
- Plays and other theater productions, including live productions of old-style radio shows
- Waterfire activities, including Lovecraft-themed vignettes by Big Nazo puppets
- Music concert, with internationally acclaimed acts
- Restaurant and bar night, highlighting the great cuisine offerings found in Providence.

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## SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

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**NecronomiCon Providence** is organized by the Lovecraft Arts and Sciences Council, Inc., a nonprofit organization that dreams of bringing the world-renowned fame of Lovecraft back to its rightful home in Southern New England. We seek business partners, and municipal and state support in order to successfully achieve this dream – a goal with far-reaching benefits. We are presently asking for material resources, venue spaces, financial support, and active involvement from our community. Given the tremendous response we already have, we hope to make this a biennial event. Our hope is to present Providence as a destination city, to that end all the bridges we build now are ones that will make a much stronger future. More than just about a three day convention, this is about returning the legacy of Lovecraft to its rightful place: Providence, Rhode Island.

