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## ***Catalysts, Explorers, & Secret Keepers:***

### **A Take-Home Exhibit from the Museum of Science Fiction**

**Washington, DC (Oct. 4, 2016)** – In response to the overwhelming support for our *Journal of Science Fiction*, the Museum of Science Fiction is pleased to announce a new science fiction anthology! Coming to Kickstarter on October 4, 2016, *Catalysts, Explorers, & Secret Keepers* will be our first take-home exhibit. Featuring short science fiction works by and about the women of the genre, this anthology will showcase how they—as readers, as writers, and as characters—have engaged with and influenced science fiction for more than a century.

The project is spearheaded by the *Journal's* editor, Monica Louzon. In a recent interview, she explains the take-home exhibit concept. “Many museums publish books to provide context and background to highlight their special, temporary exhibits. We’ve decided to build on this principle and create a curated science fiction anthology as an exhibit meant to be taken home, experienced at your own pace, and shared.”

With content hand-selected by the Museum’s team of editors, curators, and librarians, *Catalysts, Explorers, & Secret Keepers* will include original and reprinted work from preselected authors with additional new fiction selected during an open call for submissions. By reprinting rare and timeless classic stories, presenting cutting-edge original fiction by leading writers, and highlighting emerging authors who demonstrate the continuing evolution of the genre, we will celebrate how writers shape science fiction’s evolution with each new day.

The cover of *Catalysts, Explorers, & Secret Keepers* will feature original artwork by the Hugo-winning artist Julie Dillon. Award-winning authors Eleanor Arnason, Catherine Asaro, N.K. Jemisin, Nancy Kress, Naomi Kritzer, Karen Lord, Seanan McGuire, Sarah Pinsker, Kiini Ibura Salaam, Carrie Vaughn, Jane Yolen, and Sarah Zettel have already agreed to contribute work to the exhibit.

Upon reaching the minimum funding target, the Museum will open submissions until December 1, 2016. The public will be able to submit original work that fits the take-home exhibit's theme. Authors of original fiction published in *Catalysts, Explorers, & Secret Keepers* will receive the SFWA-standard pro-rate of US \$0.06 per word, while authors of solicited reprints will receive US \$0.03 per word. All authors featured in this exhibit will be invited to discuss their work as presenters and panelists in 2017 at Escape Velocity, the Museum of Science Fiction's annual celebration of all things science fiction.

Funds raised in this Kickstarter campaign will cover payment to authors contributing to the anthology, publishing costs, mailing costs, and commissioning our phenomenal cover artist. Any surplus funds will help finance the Museum of Science Fiction's educational programs in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Visit [www.SciFiCrowdfund.com](http://www.SciFiCrowdfund.com) to learn more about *Catalysts, Explorers, & Secret Keepers*!

More information about the Museum and other activities is available here:

[www.museumofsciencefiction.org](http://www.museumofsciencefiction.org)

[escapevelocity.events](http://escapevelocity.events)

#### **About the Museum of Science Fiction**

The nonprofit Museum of Science Fiction will be the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, covering the history of the genre across the arts and providing a narrative on its relationship to the real world. The Museum will show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and impacts societies. Also serving as an educational catalyst to expand interest in the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) areas, the Museum uses tools such as mobile applications and wifi-enabled display objects to engage and entertain. For a full press packet on the Museum of Science Fiction's vision and other information, please visit:

[www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket](http://www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket)

#### **About Escape Velocity 2017**

The Museum of Science Fiction and NASA are partnering to bring Escape Velocity 2017 to Washington, DC. The event is a micro futuristic world's fair to promote STEAM educational activities within the context of science fiction using the fun of comic cons and fascination of science and engineering festivals. Escape Velocity 2017 seeks to make a measurable positive impact to boost informal learning on the more conceptually challenging academic areas. Escape Velocity's mission is to re-invigorate the interest of our young people in science, technology, engineering, art, and math by producing and presenting the most compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science festival in the United States using science fiction as the primary engine. Escape Velocity will launch on September 1 - 3, 2017 in Washington, DC. For a full press packet on Escape Velocity, please visit: [escapevelocity.events/press-media](http://escapevelocity.events/press-media)

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