

Sci-Fest L.A. & Light Bringer Project Present



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THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FICTION ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL



THE ROSWELL AWARD

for Short Science Fiction
Writing Competition

ABOUT THE ROSWELL AWARD

Adults ages 18 and older from around the world are invited to submit your short science fiction stories to THE ROSWELL AWARD presented by Sci-Fest L.A. and Light Bringer Project by 11:59pm on Monday, January 29, 2018. Four to six finalists will be chosen and their stories read dramatically by celebrity guests

in a special performance at LitFest Pasadena on Saturday, May 19, 2018 followed by an awards presentation. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen from the Finalists and all Finalists as well as the Honorable Mentions will receive certificates recognizing their work. Special prizes will also be presented by our partners.

Sci-Fest L.A. and Light Bringer Project seek to identify and nurture new science fiction writing talent in all corners of the globe. Science fiction writing provides a unique opportunity for writers to develop the ideas and narratives that will shape the future of humanity from how we address pressing scientific, social, philosophical, and environmental issues to inspiring us to develop new technologies and explore outer space. And of course we're excited to see stories that entertain. We are proud to be taking a leadership role in developing the next generation of science fiction writers.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- * Contestants must be at least 18 years of age.
- * Only one (1) submission is accepted per author.
- * Stories must be 1,500 words or less.
- * Stories must be typed and submitted as a Microsoft Word document.
- * Stories must include a cover page with the following information: Name, address, email address, and phone number of the applicant; story title; story word count.
- * Applicants who wish to be considered for the Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award must indicate this on their cover page / their submission email. Stories are eligible for only one prize but stories submitted for the Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award will be considered for other prizes if they are not a Women Hold Up Half the Sky winner.
- * Stories must not have any previous publication online or in print.
- * Stories must be original and must not be fan fiction.
- * Stories must be received by 11:59pm on Monday, January 29, 2018.
- * Stories must be submitted to TheRoswellAward@gmail.com.

PRIZES

- * First Place: \$500 USD
- * Second Place: \$250 USD
- * Third Place: \$100 USD
- * Special Prize -- The "Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award" presented by *Artemis Journal* and the Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW): Special publication in *Artemis Journal* and on

the Hollywood NOW site and \$100 USD. (see below)

Each Finalist and Honorable Mention will also receive a certificate of recognition and additional donated prizes from The Roswell Award sponsors.

TIPS FOR STRONG SUBMISSIONS

- * Focus on telling an engaging story with strong characters, imagery, mood, tone, themes, etc.
- * While we appreciate a strong plot, this isn't always necessary. Don't be afraid to experiment with your writing style.
- * Know the difference between science fiction and fantasy - don't submit a story about magic. However, we do accept a broad range of science fiction genre types, including science fiction with fantastical elements. Feel free to contact the competition organizer with questions.
- * Read the competition description carefully. Think about what interesting themes you can weave into your narrative.
- * Polish your work - make sure to carefully edit your story, correct errors, and improve your telling.
- * HAVE FUN! Don't over worry. Above all, have fun with your story writing. Write about what interests you.

ABOUT THE “WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY AWARD” PRESENTED BY ARTEMIS JOURNAL & THE HOLLYWOOD CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

This award recognizes a science fiction story that embraces feminist themes and has a strong female protagonist. Top entries will exemplify excellence in feminist storytelling, while capturing the complexities of their characters.

The winner will receive dual publication in *Artemis Journal* and on the Hollywood NOW website in addition to \$100.00 USD cash from Hollywood NOW. The winner's story will also be read on stage by a celebrity guest at LitFest Pasadena on May 19, 2018 and the winner will be officially recognized at the event. Additional prizes include a print copy of the *Artemis Journal* with the winning story featured, special recognition in media releases, and more.

About Artemis Journal: *Artemis Journal* is an award-winning non-profit feminist art and creative writing journal that just celebrated its 40th Anniversary last year. Its purpose is to foster art and literary excellence in the Blue Ridge mountain region of Southwest Virginia and beyond. This year's guest writer is acclaimed poet Nikki Giovanni. Learn more at <http://www.artemisjournal.org>.

About Hollywood NOW: The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the U.S. with over 500,000 members and 550 chapters in all 50 states. The Hollywood Chapter (Hollywood NOW) addresses today's pressing issues facing women in Hollywood and West Hollywood – both the geographical community and the entertainment industry. Learn more at <http://hollywoodnow.org>

Stories are only eligible for one prize. Stories not chosen for the Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award will be considered for other prizes.

“THE ROSWELL AWARD” COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Each person submitting a piece of short science fiction (“Story”) for consideration (“Applicant”) by the Sci-Fest L.A. and Light Bringer Project Roswell Award for Short Science Fiction Writing Contest, operated by Sci-Fest, LLC and Light Bringer Project (the “Contest”) acknowledges and agrees to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. The author of the Story must be at least 18 years of age at the time of submission. Stories must be typed and must have the Applicant's name, email address, mailing address, phone number; country in which the applicant resides; title of their story; and story word count clearly typed on the title page. Stories must be original (not fan fiction), be no more than 1,500 words, have a science fiction theme, and be submitted to TheRoswellAward@gmail.com as an attachment in Microsoft Word document format. In order to be considered, submitted Stories must be received by the Contest no later than 11:59pm PST on

January 29, 2018. All Stories submitted to the Contest must be written in English.

2. The Contest does not charge a fee for submission of Stories. Applicants may submit up to one (1) story per author.
3. Applicants who wish to be considered for a specially presented prize, such as the Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award presented by Artemis Journal and Hollywood NOW, must indicate so in their cover letter and email upon submitting their story. Stories are eligible for only one prize. Stories not awarded a special prize will still be considered for the other prizes.
4. The Contest will choose four to six Stories to be Finalists, as well as a several Honorable Mentions. Each Applicant whose Story is chosen as one of the Finalists will be notified via the email address provided to the Contest of such decision. The Finalists' Stories will be read aloud by well-known actors, including celebrities associated with iconic Sci-Fi TV shows, during a Dramatic Reading & Awards Ceremony to be held on May 19, 2018 at LitFest Pasadena. The winners of The Roswell Award for Short Science Fiction will be announced at the above referenced award ceremony and receive donated cash prizes of First Place: \$500.00, Second Place: \$250; Third Place: \$100. Additionally, the Women Hold Up Half the Sky Award presented by Artemis Journal and Hollywood NOW, includes publication in Artemis Journal and on the Hollywood NOW site and a \$100 cash prize. All Finalists and the Honorable Mentions receive certificates of recognition. The Contest's decisions on which Stories to designate as Finalists, Winners, and Honorable Mentions will be made in the Contest's sole discretion and are final.
5. Each Applicant represents and warrants that he or she has the power and authority to submit the Story(s) to The Tomorrow Prize, that the Story is an original work of authorship by him or her, is not fanfiction, and that neither any Story nor the submission thereof to the Contest infringe(s) upon or violates any rights of any third party.
6. Each Applicant represents that he or she has not published their Story(s) prior to the competition in print or online. Once notified that they are not Finalists or Honorable Mentions, Applicants may submit their stories elsewhere.
7. Sci-Fest L.A. and Light Bringer Project have the non-exclusive right to publish the Finalists' and Honorable Mentions' stories up to one year after the May 19, 2018 Reading and Awards event.
8. Each Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Contest, Sci-Fest, LLC, Light Bringer Project, their affiliates, licensees, members, managers, directors, officers, employees, agents, and attorneys, and their respective successors, assigns and legal representatives, from any and all manner of claims and/or proceedings arising from or related in any way to the Applicant's submission (or in the case of Finalists or Honorable Mentions stories, publication) of a Story or Stories to the Contest.
9. Each Applicant hereby grants the Contest the non-exclusive right, for a period of one year from the date of Applicant's submission of a Story, to forward the Story to one or more third party production companies, networks, or studios ("Producers") to permit such Producers to evaluate the Story for possible acquisition by them for development as a motion picture, television, or other media project ("Production"). In the event such a Producer wishes to contact an Applicant to attempt to negotiate acquisition of said rights in an Applicant's Story, Applicant further authorizes the Contest to provide Applicant's e-mail address (or other contact information supplied by Applicant) for that purpose.