

## **WELCOME**

# Swords & Sorcerers 2022 is the first annual fantasy literature convention in Oklahoma City.

We've always wanted to have a con for fans of fantasy literature right here in our home city and we're so thrilled to bring the first year of what will hopefully be many cons to come.

When we started planning this convention way back in 2020 we could hardly have imagined the outpouring from fans all over our great state for a local, independant fan con.

Over the past two years we've worked hard to make our vision into a reality and we hope you really enjoy it.

Sincerely,

Grant Bartholomew, Con Organizer

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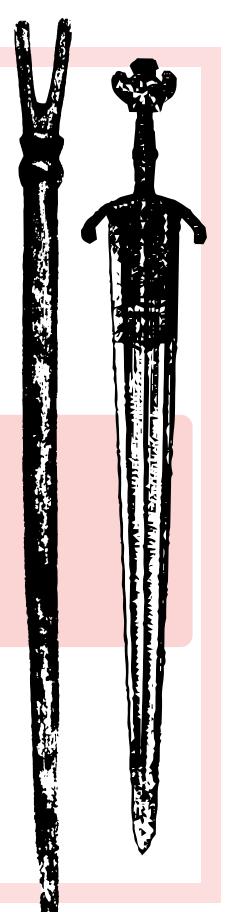
#### On the Cover:

## The Perfect Traveler by Del Samatar

Del Samatar holds a BA in Fine Arts from Rutgers University. He lives in New Jersey, where he is pursuing a career as a tattoo artist.

His latest book is *Monster Portraits*, a collaboration with his sister, the writer Sofia Samatar.





## **GUESTS OF HONOR**



#### Sofia Samatar

Sofia Samatar is the author of four books, most recently *Monster Portraits*, a collaboration with her brother, the artist Del Samatar.

Her first novel, the epic fantasy A Stranger in Olondria, won the 2014 William L. Crawford Fantasy Award, the British Fantasy Award, and the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel. Her second novel, The Winged Histories, completes the

Olondria duology, a project that both challenges and revels in the genre of high fantasy. Her short story collection, *Tender*, includes Hugo and Nebula finalists and other tales exploring the fragility of bodies and landscapes.

She currently lives in Virginia and teaches African literature, Arabic literature, and speculative fiction at James Madison University.



#### **Robin Hobb**

Robin Hobb is a writer of Fantasy novels, including the award-winning Realm of the Elderlings series. She has also written and published extensively under the name Megan Lindholm.

Her best known work is The Farseer Trilogy, now celebrating it's 25th birthday. Other works include The LIveship Traders Trilogy, The Tawny Many Trilogy, The Rain Wild Chronicles, and The Fitz and the Fool Trilogy.

Robin resides in the Pacific Northwest on a 14 acre pocket farm near Roy, with her family, which includes two rescued Belgian Malinois, Ginger and Molly, fifteen chickens, a gander and 8 ducks, numberous volunteers mallards and a cat named Little Black Dog.



#### Kai Ashante Wilson

Kai Ashante Wilson was the 2010 Octavia Butler scholar at Clarion writing workshop in San Diego. He won the Crawford award for best first novel of 2016, and his works have been shortlisted for the Hugo, Nebula, Shirley Jackson, Theodore Sturgeon, Locus, and World Fantasy awards.

Most of his stories can be read at Tor.com, and the rest at Fantasy-

magazine.com or in the anthology Stories for Chip.

His novellas *The Sorcerer of the Wildeeps* and *A Taste of Honey* are available from all fine e-book purveyors.

Kai Ashante Wilson lives in New York City.

## FRIDAY - 5/20

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Time, Place

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#### Booksale/swap

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# Robin Hobb: Plotting over Multiple Books

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# Breakout Writing Workshops

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# Sofia Samatar: Q&A with a reading from forthcoming *The White Mosque*

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#### **Local Author Spotlight**

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#### **Open Mic Night**

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## **SATURDAY - 5/21**

#### Pancake Breakfast

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#### Kai Ashante Wilson leads Roudtable Discussion on Dialect in Fiction

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# Sofia Samatar: Using Genre Convention

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## Robin Hobb: Character Growth as Plot

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#### Kai Ashante Wilson: A Brief History of the Novella

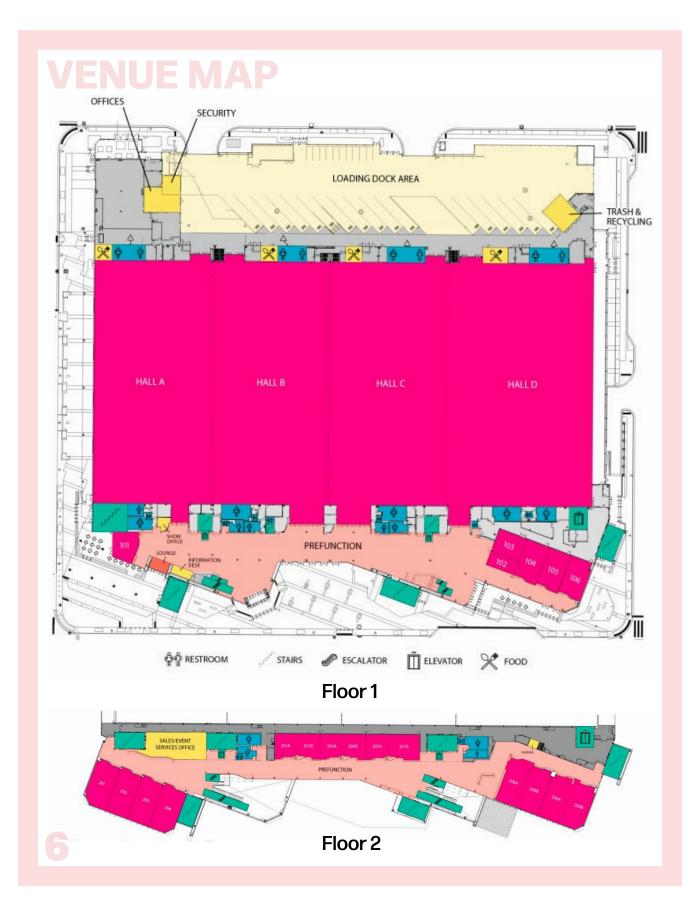
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#### **Closing Ceremonies**

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## **SPONSORS**

Many thanks to our generous sponsors, without your help this convention would not have been possible. In particular I would like to extend my gratitude to Tom Doherty, who was the first to take a chance on our little start-up.

Thanks also to our tireless staff, and to the countless volunteers who helped make this convention a reality. Y'all are the best fans anyone could ask for.

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