



PRESS RELEASE

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Bumper line up of supporters for the 2011 Aurealis Awards

SpecFaction NSW Inc, organiser of the Aurealis Awards, is delighted to announce an impressive line up of sponsors for the 2011 Awards to be presented on 12 May, 2012 in Sydney.

Awards Co-convenor Susan Wardle said, "The Aurealis Awards are Australia's premier awards for Speculative Fiction. SpecFaction is a not for profit organisation and all our members are volunteers. Without the support of sponsors, we could not hope to host the awards."

HarperVoyager will be a Silver Sponsor of the awards.

Stephanie Smith, Associate Publisher of HarperVoyager, said "HarperVoyager is delighted to sponsor the Aurealis Awards again this year. The awards are highly regarded within the speculative fiction genre in Australia. Many Voyager authors have won, or been shortlisted for, the Aurealis Awards over the past 15 years, including such bestselling authors as Sara Douglass, Glenda Larke, Jennifer Fallon and Kylie Chan. Voyager's enthusiasm for the genre and our commitment to seeing it grow and expand is as strong as ever."

Both Cosmos Magazine and Galaxy Bookshop will also come on board to help stage the awards. Cosmos Magazine as a media sponsor and Galaxy Bookshop as a supporter.

The Aurealis Awards, Australia's premier awards for genre fiction, are for works of speculative fiction written by an Australian citizen, or permanent resident, and published for the first time between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011.

Over 800 entries were received this year, a record number, indicating both the strength of the speculative fiction genre in Australia, as well as the respect the Awards garners. Finalists will be announced in late March 2012 and winners will receive their awards at a gala evening ceremony held in Sydney at The Independent Theatre on Saturday the 12th of May, 2012.

All entries are read by independent panels of judges. As with past awards, sponsorship arrangements do not influence the judging process.

For more information on the Aurealis Awards, visit www.aurealisawards.com or to book a ticket to the awards night www.trybooking.com/18485.