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Sir Julius Vogel Award for New Zealand Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

2008 Results Announced

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Association of New Zealand is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Sir Julius Vogel Awards. Winners listed in bold type. Fellow nominees listed in random order.

Professional Awards Section

Best Novel - Adult

Winner : *Path of Revenge* by Russell Kirkpatrick (Voyager, HarperCollins, NZ)

Fellow Nominees :

Thief With No Shadow by Emily Gee (Solaris, BL, UK)

Ripples on the Lake by Dawn Rotarangi (HarperCollins, NZ)

Anarya's Secret: An Earthdawn Novel by Tim Jones (RedBrick Ltd, Auckland, NZ)

Caressed By Ice by Nalini Singh (The Berkley Publishing Group, Penguin, USA)

Visions of Heat by Nalini Singh (The Berkley Publishing Group, Penguin, USA)

Best Novel - Young Adult

Winners (Tied) :

***The Sea-wreck Stranger* by Anna Mackenzie (Longacre Press, Dunedin, NZ)**

***Cybele's Secret* by Juliet Marillier (Pan Macmillan Australia Ltd)**

Fellow Nominees :

Inna Furey by Isabel Waiti-Mulholland (Huia Publishers, NZ)

The Children of Isador by Sam J. Charlton (Equilibrium Books, Australia)

Josefa and the Vu by Tulia Thompson (Huia Publishers, NZ)

Best Short Story

Winners (Tied)

"Mist and Murder" by Lucy Sussex
(Twelfth Planet Press, New Ceres, Issue 2) <<http://www.newceres.com>>

"Fendraaken" by Kevin G. Maclean
(Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Issue 30, July 2007)

Fellow Nominees :

"Collecting Whispers" by Bren MacDibble
(Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Issue 30, July 2007)

"Head in the Clouds" by Hayley Griffin
(Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Issue 27, January 2007)

"Murder on the Zenith Express" by Simon Petrie
(Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Issue 29, June 2007)

Best Novella/Novelette

Winner : "*Beat of Temptation*" by Nalini Singh
(The Berkley Publishing Group, Penguin; USA)

Fellow Nominees :

"A Day in Her Lives" by Kevin Veale
(Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Issue 29, June 2007)

"Slag Fairmont - Psychic Zone Ranger" by Douglas A. Van Belle
(Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine, Issue 27, January 2007)

Best Anthology

Winner : *Doorways for the Dispossessed* by Paul Haines (Prime Books, USA)

Fellow Nominee :

Sex, Lies and Here be Dragons by Yvonne Eve Walus (Pipers' Ash, UK)

Best Dramatic Presentation - Long Form

Winner : *Black Sheep* (Director : Jonathan King)

Fellow Nominees :

The Tattooist (Director : Peter Burger)

Perfect Creature (Director : Glenn Standring, Producer: Tim Sanders)

Best Dramatic Presentation - Short Form (Advertising)

Winner : *Buy Kiwi Made* (Curious Films Ltd)

Fellow Nominee : *Online Car Audio* (Catalyst Studios)

Best New Talent

Winner : Tracie McBride

Ms. McBride is an active member of the Phoenix Writers Group in Wellington, New Zealand. She sold her first ever work in 2005. Her work during the 2007 year has included the following professionally published items:

"House Arrest" short story - Antipodean SF e-zine, May 2007.

"Marked" short story - Edge of Propinquity e-zine, August 2007

"Contact" poem - Kaleidotrope print magazine, April 2007

"Endangered Species" poem - Aoife's Kiss e-zine, September 2007

"Ghosts Can Bleed" short story - Fictitious Force print magazine, August 2007

"Crimes of Faith" short story - Midnight Horror e-zine, May 2007

"Pierced" poem - Rose and Thorn e-zine, April 2007.

"Portrait of the Artist as a Young Mutant" poem - Aoife's Kiss print magazine, September 2007

She has also successfully sold some of her other works in literary / mainstream magazines. While these are not eligible for the SJV awards because they are not science fiction or fantasy, it is worth mentioning as a "point of interest" to illustrate an emerging writing talent.

Fellow Nominees :

Hayley Griffin

"I'm nominating Hayley on the basis of her 'Head in the Clouds' story. I believe 'Head in the Clouds' is a fine fantasy-based story by a young NZ writer of considerable promise."

Simon Petrie

Simon has recently seen publication in numerous magazines, including Issue 29, Issue 30 and Issue 32 (poem) of Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine.

Fan Awards Section

Best Fan Writing

Winner : Ross Temple

Ross has been writing a blog (<http://threemonkeys.livejournal.com/>) in which he provides a valuable service with the book reviews and opinions he posts on his live journal site.

Fellow Nominees :

Lorraine Williams

For her two articles and other writing done in Phoenixine during the 2007 year.

Alan Robson

For his consistently interesting articles and book reviews that are published in Phoenixine and also on his web page at <http://tyke.net.nz>

Philippa Ballantine

For her Whispers at the Edge podcasts. Downloaded here <http://whispers.libsyn.com/>

The podcasts deal with her experiences as a fantasy writer in New Zealand.

Best Fan Production

Winner : Renaldo, *First Sheep on the Moon?* (Burning Chicken Films)

Fellow Nominees :

Destination: Earth (Jennis Angels)

Stargate Atlantis - the Promotion Video (Yvonne Harrison)

Best Fanzine

Winner : *Phoenixine* (Editors: John and Lynelle Howell)

Fellow Nominee : *Time Space Visualiser* (Editor : Adam McGechan)

Special Award Section

Services to Science Fiction

Winner : *Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine Publishing Co-operative Ltd*

The Co-op formed in 2001 with the purpose of producing a bi-monthly speculative fiction print magazine to fill the perceived gap in the short story market in Australia and surrounds at that time. In June 2002, the first issue of Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine was released, and the magazine has been produced approximately every two months ever since, with issue 32 due for release in November 2007.

ASIM has made a commitment to the Australian and New Zealand speculative fiction community by providing a market for new, establishing and well known authors and artists. ASIM has an enviable reputation for regularity and quality, and the slush processes designed and implemented By the Co-op are highly regarded (and beginning to be duplicated) worldwide.

Over the past six years ASIM has served as a training ground for members who go on to invest further the international speculative fiction community. They are very proud of both members and contributors who go on to additional successes, and believe that perhaps they provided an opportunity the contributors would not otherwise have received.

In the period ASIM has operated, stories and artwork published in the magazine have been regularly shortlisted for and received many awards and for a number of years stories have been honourably mentioned and reproduced in various Year's Best collections. The practices of slush reading and distribution ASIM employs have been emulated by other editors of small press world wide, and we have strong ties with many local writing groups, local and international editors and speculative fiction websites.

Services to Fandom

Winner : Simon Litten

Simon has been a part of organized New Zealand Science Fiction fandom since May 1989 when the Phoenix Science Fiction Club was first founded. Simon is a founding committee member of this Wellington-based SF club. Since 1989 he has served on the club's committee in various roles, including Treasurer and President. As a committee member of Phoenix, he has also assisted in the running of the Phoenix Board Gaming Special Interest Group.

Simon was on the ConCom of the 2002 and 2008 National New Zealand Science Fiction conventions, both held in Wellington. Simon has been a SFFANZ committee member every year since 2002 with the exception of 2005. He is the current serving president of SFFANZ - term commencing June 2007.

Simon has attended Australian national SF conventions in Melbourne and Perth, in doing so building useful fan links across the Tasman and gaining basic knowledge of the Australian SF publishing industry.

Simon Litten has been extremely active this year in SFFANZ, Phoenix and Conjunction, occupying positions of importance on committees for all three. His knowledge of the fandom landscape and history in Wellington/NZ is excellent, which is one of the reasons he's so helpful within these various organisations. In effect, he's working in a silent role as coordinator/liaison between Phoenix, Conjunction and SFFANZ.

Fellow Nominees :

John and Lynelle Howell

Between the two of them, they give a huge amount of time to helping other people enjoy their hobby. The commitment to editing Phoenixine is large, and includes all sorts of unusual aspects like housing an industrial photocopier for many years. They have each held posts on the Phoenix committee at various times and Lynelle is also active in SFFANZ. They have also organised two conventions and are raising two of the next generation of fans.

This year's Sir Julius Vogel Awards were voted on at Conjunction, the 2008 New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention, held at the Copthorne Plimmer Towers Hotel Willis Street in Wellington, NZ over Easter. Results were announced to the Conjunction attendees on the evening of Sunday 23rd March 2008. All SFFANZ members and registered Conjunction members (full or supporting) were eligible to vote for the SJVs.

The Sir Julius Vogel Awards were awarded to professionals and fans for work that was undertaken, completed or released during the 2007 calendar year, the one exception being the "Best Anthology" category. The two nominations in this category were held over from the previous year's awards, having been released during the 2006 calendar year.

To see FULL nomination details - <http://sffanz.sf.org.nz/sjv/sjvResults-2008.shtml>

The Sir Julius Vogel Awards are administered by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Association of New Zealand.