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was written by a woman...*



Broad Universe

An international organization of writers, editors, librarians, readers and reviewers whose mission is to celebrate and help promote the work and careers of women who are writing and marketing their science fiction, fantasy and horror works

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Broad Universe...

...was founded in May, 2000 at the feminist SF/F convention WisCon, by a group of writers and readers who recognized, but did not accept, that women writing in the science fiction, fantasy, and horror genres were not adequately represented in the marketplace. Despite some progress, women authors were still over-looked on awards ballots, often missing from anthologies, and even criticized or ridiculed for their work. Inspired by the success of Sisters in Crime and Women Writing the West, Broad Universe's founders established a presence online and at SF/F/H conventions where members could display, sell and read excerpts from their work. In the ten years since its founding, Broad Universe has provided platforms for discussion and support for published and aspiring women genre writers, tables and group readings at an increasing number of conventions, an online magazine with tips on selling and marketing, printed and online catalogs of members' work, and on-going programs that support the interests of women authors and encourage new writers in the SF/F/H genres.

Broad Universe sponsors...

- ☞ Information and dealers' room tables at conventions
- ☞ "Rapid Fire Readings" open to all Broad Universe members who want to give short readings of their work
- ☞ E-mail discussion list, LiveJournal group and Facebook page
- ☞ Online newsletter, the *Broadsheet*, with practical articles about writing, marketing and promotion, book reviews, interviews and more
- ☞ Online PR database
- ☞ Catalog of members' published work
- ☞ Events and promotional activities by members, including parties and teas at conventions, bookstore appearances, talks, presentations, signings and more
- ☞ Online and print catalogs of members' published work
- ☞ Podcast of readings recorded by members

For more details, go to www.broaduniverse.org. Women and men who want to volunteer and get more involved are encouraged to contact us!

Join Us!

Become a vital part of the organization as we continue to research the state of the genre, promote Broad Universe authors, and develop resources to help woman writers succeed.

Level One Membership (\$30/year)

Access to all aspects of the organization, including participation in Rapid Fire Readings, listings in the book catalog, space on the information tables and in advertisements, as well as access to BU's private PR database, *Broadsheet* archives, and any future members-only resources on our website. Only members may send messages to our email discussion list.

(NOTE: Anyone can become a Level One member, but because of BU's mission, only women may participate in the BU catalog, group readings, BU book-launch parties and similar marketing efforts. The rest of the Level One benefits are accessible to all Level One members.)

Level Two Membership (\$15/year)

Access to all non-marketing offerings from BU, including participation on the email list, access to the *Broadsheet* archives and any future members-only pages on the website.

Donations

Donations to Broad Universe are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. These help defray the cost of printing, mailing, and other business expenses, and are also used to cover memberships for authors in financial difficulties.

How to Join

You can join via the Broad Universe website (click the Membership link) or complete the form on the back of this flyer and mail it with your check to:

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We're Broads because...

...we're not ladies. A lady would never self-promote. She would not speak on a panel. She'd be in the back of the audience nodding politely and not saying a word. Heck, a lady wouldn't even write this stuff. Being a broad means we're intelligent, entertaining professionals who speak on panels and write what's on our minds and in our hearts.

What Others Are Saying about Broad Universe...

"Working with the energy, commitment and imaginative ambition of Broad Universe is a privilege and a pleasure, and hugely invigorating to these old bones. Time was, I had to go to a lot of SF conventions to find out about work by women, and to get to know my up-and-coming female colleagues and fans. Now we've got a network going that positively sparks with ideas and the eagerness to make some badly needed changes around here."

—Suzy Charnas, author of *The Conqueror's Child*, *The Vampire Tapestry* and others

"Because thousands of male, female and otherwise gendered readers of science fiction and fantasy are oblivious to the existence of remarkable works by women writers, the creation of Broad Universe can be as important for gender equality in science fiction and fantasy as the publication of Joanna Russ's 'When It Changed' and the creation of the James D. Tiptree award."

—Laurie J. Marks, author of *Fire Logic*, *Earth Logic* and others

"Women writers everywhere owe Broad Universe a hearty vote of thanks for taking on the difficult task of identifying our needs in science fiction and fantasy, and trying to find positive ways to meet those needs."

—Suzette Haden Elgin, author of *The Ozark Trilogy* and others

"What can be better than women helping women? Wonderful resources and a connective support only women can give one another."

—Kim Richards, author of *Aiko* and *The Death of Jabari*

"The marketing advice I find in the *Broadsheet* may change my life!"

—Louise Marley, author of *The Marquisarde*, *The Terrorists of Irustan* and others

"I'm proud to be a founding member!"

—Cynthia Ward, Market Maven for *Speculations*