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## **Landis To Judge Costume & Fashion Design Competition**

**Washington, DC (Jan. 29, 2018)** – The Museum of Science Fiction is excited to announce the launch of a new science fiction costume and fashion design competition. The competition entry period will run from September 4, 2017 to April 15, 2018 and is open to all students, designers, costumers/cosplayers, and artists in the United States and abroad.

“Scientific discovery and science fiction share a common source: the human imagination,” said Deborah Landis, PhD, David C. Copley Chair and the Director of the David C. Copley Center of Costume Design at UCLA, School of Theater, Film & Television. Landis’ credits include such notable films as Animal House, The Blues Brothers, Raiders of the Lost Ark and Three Amigos. Landis served two terms as president of the Costume Designers Guild of which she has been a member for more than thirty years. Dr. Landis will join the jury panel to support the Museum's efforts to raise awareness for this art form.

Entries will be judged across a variety of themes and levels by a professional and experienced jury consisting of fashion designers and prominent members of the costuming community. Finalists will be selected based on images submitted online or by mail, with the final competition, including the presentation of fully constructed designs, set to take place as part of a live stage fashion show at Escape Velocity 2018 on May 26, 2018.

"Costuming is one of the most personal expressions of a fan's love for a given character," said Greg Viggiano, executive director at the Museum of Science Fiction. "We want to celebrate that passion and encourage the best designers from all over the world to show off their creations."

"From sleek space uniforms to colorful aliens, the world of science fiction is full of fantastic and colorful character designs that leave costumers no shortage of inspiration," said competition jury panel member, Astrid Bear, wife of award-winner author and Museum advisory board

member, Greg Bear, "I can't wait to see all the amazing designs fans come up with, especially original costumers which show off the designers and their imaginations."

Cash prizes will be awarded across five categories, Best In Show, Best Original Fashion/Costume Design/Construction, Best Reinterpreted Fashion/Costume Design/Construction, Best Young Adult/High School Design/Construction, and Best Fashion/Costume Design Illustration or Photograph. Support for this competition is generously being provided by Smooth-On.

More information about this and other activities is available here:

[museumofsciencefiction.org/costume-competition](http://museumofsciencefiction.org/costume-competition)  
[escapevelocity.events](http://escapevelocity.events)

### **About the Museum of Science Fiction**

The nonprofit Museum of Science Fiction will be the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, covering the history of the genre across the arts and providing a narrative on its relationship to the real world. The Museum will show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and impacts societies. Also serving as an educational catalyst to expand interest in the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) areas, the Museum uses tools such as mobile applications and wifi-enabled display objects to engage and entertain. For a full press packet on the Museum of Science Fiction's vision and other information, please visit:

[www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket](http://www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket)

### **About Escape Velocity 2018**

The Museum of Science Fiction and NASA are partnering to bring Escape Velocity 2018 to Washington, DC. The event is a futuristic world's fair to promote STEAM educational activities within the context of science fiction using the fun of comic cons and fascination of science and engineering festivals. Escape Velocity 2018 seeks to make a measurable positive impact to boost informal learning on the more conceptually challenging academic areas. Escape Velocity's mission is to re-invigorate the interest of our young people in science, technology, engineering, art, and math by producing and presenting the most compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science festival in the United States using science fiction as its primary engine. Escape Velocity will achieve orbit on May 25-27, 2018 at the Marriott Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. For a full press packet on Escape Velocity, please visit: [escapevelocity.events/press-media](http://escapevelocity.events/press-media)

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