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Trieste Science+Fiction Festival announces the new director Alan Jones and the dates of the 22nd edition from 1 to 6 November

British film critic Alan Jones takes over the direction of the historic festival dedicated to science fiction, which will take place in Trieste from 1 to 6 November 2022

Alan Jones is the new director of **Trieste Science+Fiction Festival**, the most important Italian event focusing on science fiction. The British film critic takes over the artistic direction of the **22nd edition** of the Trieste festival, which will take place **from 1 to 6 November 2022**.

A pioneer in genre film criticism for over four decades, Alan Jones is also an in-demand broadcaster and best-selling author. Books include 'The Rough Guide to Horror Movies', 'The FrightFest Guide to Grindhouse Movies', 'The Act of Seeing' with director **Nicolas Winding Refn** and '**Dario Argento: The Man, The Myths & The Magic**' now in its sixth reprint. With Argento he translated, edited, annotated and illustrated the maestro's autobiography 'Fear' for the English-speaking market. A key host for the Cinema: Made in Italy festival in London, he is a director of the UK's biggest genre festival FrightFest, which stages three annual blockbuster events in London and Glasgow.

"I am thrilled and honoured to have been made Director of the Trieste Science+Fiction Festival." - Alan Jones said - "I first attended the festival in 2003, loved it and the city so much I became a permanently invited fixture and decided to make Trieste my second home. So I couldn't be more excited with the fantastic opportunity to turn this absolute jewel on the genre festival calendar into a more international institution, a heritage destination for world-renowned filmmakers and industry creatives to positively interact with their audience. Festivals are more important than ever in the current shrinking landscape for showcasing, giving a diverse voice to and real chances at greatness to the many below-the-radar independent movies that could and should go the distance given the right boost and positioning. I am determined that Trieste Science+Fiction will continue to provide that crucial outlet and attract an ever-increasing fan base for the still buoyant genre this wonderfully supportive city has been synonymous with for nearly sixty years now".

TRIESTE SCIENCE+FICTION FESTIVAL

Founded in Trieste in the year 2000, the Trieste Science+Fiction Festival has picked up the legacy of the Festival Internazionale del Film di Fantascienza, **the first genre film festival in Italy and one of the first in Europe, which took place from 1963 to 1982** becoming the most important science fiction and fantastic movie festival in Italy. Movies, television, new media, literature, comics, music, visual and performative art are all part of the festival's exploration of the wonders of possible worlds.

The list of the many prestigious international guests of the Trieste Science+Fiction Festival from 2000 to date include: **Christopher Lee, Roger Corman, George Romero, Bruce Sterling, Rutger Hauer, Neil Gaiman, Pupi Avati, Dario Argento, Jimmy Sangster, John Landis, Lamberto Bava, Terry Gilliam, Enki Bilal, Joe Dante, Jean "Moebius" Giraud, Ray Harryhausen, Alfredo Castelli, Gabriele Salvatores, Alejandro Jodorowsky, Sergio Martino, Douglas Trumbull, Phil Tippett, Brian Yuzna and Abel Ferrara.**

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Trieste Science+Fiction Festival is an official member of the Méliès International Festivals Federation board, of AFIC - Associazione Festival Italiani di Cinema and of EURASF, European Network of Science film festivals.

The festivali cooperates with the main local scientific institutions: AREA Science Park, ICGEB, ICTP, INAF - the Trieste Astronomical Observatory, IS Immaginario Scientifico - Science Centre, OGS, SISSA.

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