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Started in 1975, ICON, Iowa's longest-running science fiction and fantasy convention, will be held from October 5 through 7, 2018 at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This year's event is the 43rd ICON. This year's convention theme, ICON 43: Eruption, honors guest author Mike Mullin and his novel Ashfall series and guest artist, Daniel Mohr.

Programming for the weekend includes a free Student Writing Workshop for high school and college students on Friday afternoon (registration required), panels on various topics related to science fiction and fantasy and a game room full of board, card and video games running all three days; a Masquerade for cosplay participants and new this year, Phen Feud, will both be happening on Saturday evening. Local band Wylde Nept, a perennial favorite, will be hosting a concert for ICON attendees on Friday night.

Fans of all ages are invited to attend ICON 43: Eruption on October 5 through 7 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott. Guests include authors Mike Mullin (*Ashfall*) and Jim C. Hines (*Terminal Alliance*), artist Daniel Mohr, actor Wolfie B Bad and ICON founders, Mike Miller, and Joe (*Forever War*) and Gay Haldeman. Tickets for the weekend as well as single day passes will be available at the door starting at 2 PM on Friday, October 5. More information at the event, including a programming schedule, can be found online at [iowa-icon.com](http://iowa-icon.com).

### **About ICON**

ICON is Iowa's longest-running, fan organized science fiction and fantasy convention held in the fall of each year. Each convention features authors, artists, panels and workshops, parties, an art show, music, a dealers room and more. This year's convention theme, ICON 43: Eruption, honors guest author Mike Mullin and his novel Ashfall series and guest artist, Daniel Mohr. Learn more at [iowa-icon.com](http://iowa-icon.com).

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