

Mysterium

This page is about the convention for fans of the game *Myst*. For other uses of the term, see *Mysterium*. *Mysterium* is an annual convention for fans of the *Myst* franchise of computer games, which has been held each year since 2000. The name is derived from the .

Name

"Way back before the first *Mysterium*, but during the planning process, there was a meeting at Cyan, Inc. in which a *Myst* fan gathering was being planned in Spokane. Rand Miller happened to be walking past / through the room where the meeting was and commented, "Why not call it *Mysterium*?" or something close to that. Everyone liked the name, so we adopted it. Nothing big and fancy, I'm afraid. That's it." *Scraper* (Tina Buck/Hickman)

Origins

The original 2000 convention grew out of the plans of a small group of fans who wanted to meet face to face. Word spread, and eventually approximately 200 people attended the meeting in Spokane, Washington, which was held at the headquarters of Cyan Worlds, developers of the game. Subsequent conventions have been more formally planned, but although donations towards expenses are welcomed, the event remained free with no registration or entry fees until 2007. Currently, *Mysterium* will be charging a small registration fee to help offset costs to run the event. Donations and Registration fees will be used for non-profit items, such as the use of a hotel/motel conference room, audio/visual equipment, and acquisition of souvenirs for the event. Cyan has specified that no committee may profit from the use of the *Myst* franchise, so all donations and fees are for event use only.

Conventions

There have been eight *Mysterium* conventions.

- *2000 - The first *Mysterium* was held in Mead, WA at Cyan Worlds' headquarters.
- *2001 - The second *Mysterium* took place in Carlsbad, New Mexico.
- *2002 - The third *Mysterium* took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- *2003 - The fourth *Mysterium* was in Spokane, WA due to a personal invitation from Rand Miller.
- *2004 - The fifth *Mysterium* took place in Toronto, Ontario on July 23-25.
- *2005 - The sixth *Mysterium* took place in Chicago, Illinois on July 22-24.
- *2006 - The seventh *Mysterium* also took place at Spokane, Washington.
- *2007 - The eighth *Mysterium* took place in Los Angeles, California.
- *2008 - The ninth *Mysterium* took place in Boston, Massachusetts on July 25-27.
- *2009 - The tenth *Mysterium* is planned to take place in Spokane. Details are available at the Official Website

Convention highlights

- *Sightseeing
- *Raffles for prizes or giveaway items
- *Fan presentations
- *Cosplay
- *Meeting online friends, as well as notable figures like Rand Miller and Richard A. Watson

Committee members

- *2000. Tina Buck, Mark DeForest, Michelle Ehr, Tim Larkin, Doug McBride, Steve Ogden, Suzanne Penner, Bill Slease, David Trescott, Richard A. Watson
- *2001. Tina Buck, Jonathan Crofts, Ryan Warzecha, Michelle Ehr, Laura Gonzalez, Susan McGaw
- *2002. Tina Hickman, Richard A. Watson, Laura Gonzalez, Susan McGaw, Ryan Warzecha, Michelle Ehr
- *2003. Tina Hickman, Susan McGaw, Laura Gonzalez, Richard Watson, Michelle Ehr, Ryan Warzecha
- *2004. Tina Hickman, Laura Gonzalez, Richard Watson, Michelle Ehr
- *2005. Tina Hickman, Richard Watson, Karen Bahnsen, Susan McGaw, Laura Gonzalez, Bryan Siegfried,
- *2006. Tina Hickman, Richard Watson, Karen Bahnsen, Susan McGaw, Laura Gonzalez
- *2007. Tina Hickman, Richard Watson, Karen Bahnsen, Susan McGaw, Michelle Ehr, Laura Gonzalez, Jon-Michael Durkin

- *2008. Gary Buddell, Aisling Buddell, C. Eleri Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, David Sweeney, Dan Capizzi, Laura Gonzalez, Jennifer Fischer, Matt Witkowski, Brian Hagan, Richard Watson

MysteriumHouse

MysteriumHouse is a webcomic made by Richard Pratt (a.k.a *lonelyto25*), which detailed the *Mysterium* convention as if it happened every day. The comic is no longer updated.