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Sasquan -- Worldcon 2015
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Dear Pierre:

Since 1985, the International Costumers' Guild, Inc. (ICG) has brought amateur, hobbyist and professional costumers from around the world together. The ICG is a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational organization with with international membership, affiliated local and regional chapters, and special interest groups. The organization is active in promoting the art and science of costuming in all its aspects, including sci-fi and fantasy genres, through its educational programs, publications, costuming communities, use of social media, archives, and support for special projects.

One area where the ICG and its members are especially active is promoting costuming at local, regional, and international conventions like Worldcon. Local chapters volunteer to help organize and run conventions, and individual ICG members provide costume-related programming, judge hall costuming, and help run costume masquerades like the ones at Worldcon that are so highly anticipated by convention members. The ICG also developed and promoted guidelines to ensure fair competition used by the Worldcon masquerade and many others world-wide.

Past Worldcons have very generously made donations to the ICG from funds remaining after paying their expenses. On behalf of the ICG, I would like to ask Sasquan to consider making a donation to the ICG's general fund. The donation would go towards 1) supporting educational outreach to the costuming community, 2) preserving and communicating the history of costuming at conventions like Sasquan, and 3) launching several new programs in 2016 to help reach unserved and under-served communities. Any amount would be appreciated, but a donation in the range of \$4000 to \$5000 would have a very significant impact in the areas mentioned, especially in our ability to launch new programs in 2016.

Sincerely,

Philip Gust
President, The International Costumers' Guild