



# Malice Domestic

If Traditional Mysteries are your cup of tea ...

## MALICE DOMESTIC 30

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER,  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND, USA

April 27 – April 29, 2018

*Join our honorees...*



**GUEST OF  
HONOR  
LOUISE PENNY**



**TOASTMASTER  
CATRIONA  
MCPHERSON**



**LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT  
NANCY PICKARD**



**MALICE  
REMEMBERS  
ROBIN HATHAWAY**



**AMELIA  
AWARD  
DAVID SUCHET**

**FAN GUEST  
OF HONOR  
JANET BLIZARD**



**POIROT  
AWARD  
BRENDA BLETHYN**

*...plus lots of other mystery authors and fans!*

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**WE EXPECT MORE THAN 190 AUTHORS**

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[www.MaliceDomestic.org](http://www.MaliceDomestic.org)

*or contact [MDRegServices@gmail.com](mailto:MDRegServices@gmail.com)*

Now taking credit cards for registration.

# Celebrate the Classic Mystery!

**M**alice Domestic is a convention of fans and authors who gather each spring in the Washington, D.C., area to celebrate the traditional mystery – typified by the works of Agatha Christie (no excessive gore, gratuitous violence, or explicit sex, thank you very much).

## Come Dressed to Kill!

The highlight of our celebration is the Agatha Awards Banquet where we present the traditional Agatha teapot for the Best Contemporary Novel, Best Historical Novel, Best First Mystery Novel, Best Short Story, Best Nonfiction and Best Children's/YA Mystery Novel. The Agatha Awards have become an internationally recognized honor, so feel free to put on your best glitz, come dressed as your favorite sleuth, or wear something that harks back to the days of the first Golden Age of mysteries – whatever will contribute to your enjoyment of the proceedings. Agathas are fan-nominated and voted on by all of the registered attendees of the convention.

## Have Fun!

Have a rousing good time from Friday's Welcome Reception, special events, and Charity Auction to Sunday's Closing Festivities and afternoon tea. Chow down, attend panels, make friends, chat with your favorite authors, get your books signed, and visit the Dealers Room (you'll be amazed at what's there).

## Join in!

Malice is organized and put on by a group of dedicated volunteers – and you can be one of them. Get involved on-site by monitoring panels or book signings, stuffing registration packets, handing out badges, or staffing the hospitality lounge. Malice Volunteers 101 on Friday will tell you all about it.



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or contact: [MDRegServices@gmail.com](mailto:MDRegServices@gmail.com)

*Duncan is in his grave;  
After life's fitful fever he sleeps well;  
Treason has done his worst: nor steel, nor poison,  
Malice Domestic, foreign levy,  
nothing, can touch him further.*









– *Macbeth. Act III, Scene II*

## We Can't Wait to See You!

During the 30 years Malice Domestic has honored the traditional mystery, we've brought mystery fans from around the world together with some of their favorite authors, introduced a whole host of new writers in the field, and helped foster a lot of friendships. Frankly, it's those friendships built on shared interests that make Malice special. Although we are much more than "cozies" in terms of mysteries, we think our cozy ambience is what draws people back year after year after year.

**If you've never been to Malice**, make this your year to come. **If you haven't been here in a while**, come back and see how much fun you've been missing.

## What's In It for You?

-  Opportunities to mingle with your favorite authors at our Welcome Reception and Closing Festivities.
-  A continental breakfast to meet the new authors.
-  Malice's informative newsletter, *The Usual Suspects*.
-  The right to nominate your favorites for the prestigious Agatha Awards (register by 12/31/17).
-  The right to vote for the Agatha Awards.
-  Registration packet goodies (free books!).
-  A souvenir program book for autographs.
-  Three days of non-stop fun!

## Are you a writer in waiting?

Malice supports the continued growth of the traditional mystery through its Malice grants competition, which provides a monetary grant to an aspiring writer. Check our website this summer for information about the 2018 Grant process, or write: Malice Domestic Ltd., P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007 or email inquiries to [MaliceGrants@comcast.net](mailto:MaliceGrants@comcast.net).

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Malice Domestic 30

April 27 - April 29, 2018

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Bethesda, Maryland, USA

Please check your registration preference and fill out other appropriate sections. [Please PRINT or type.]

### Comprehensive Registration

Entitles you to:

- Convention activities, including Welcome Reception, New Authors Breakfast, and Closing Festivities
- Voting for the Agatha Awards
- Souvenir Program Book
- Access to *The Usual Suspects* newsletter online
- Saturday's Agatha Awards Banquet

\$310 until September 30, 2017

\$345 (October 1, 2017-April 15, 2018 if space is available)

#### Banquet Meal Choice:

Regular  Vegetarian

### Basic Registration

Entitles you to:

- Everything in the Comprehensive Registration except the Banquet.  
[Note: To add the Banquet until 4/15/18, the cost is \$85; onsite \$95, if available.]

\$260 until September 30, 2017

\$295 (October 1, 2017-April 15, 2018 if space is available)

\$310 (Onsite at MD 30, if space is available)

### Agatha Awards Banquet Tickets

To add banquet tickets to your basic registration or obtain banquet only tickets, please contact the registrar by April 15, 2018 at 301-730-1675 or [MDRegServices@gmail.com](mailto:MDRegServices@gmail.com).

### Audio/Photo Release

By completing your registration for Malice Domestic, you agree to be photographed and recorded and grant us permission to use your image or recorded voice in our printed or online materials.

### Can't Attend? Be a Friend...

Receive the souvenir Program Book of Malice Domestic 30, access to *The Usual Suspects* newsletter online, and a special Malice memento. To be a Friend, contact the registrar at [MDRegServices@gmail.com](mailto:MDRegServices@gmail.com) or 301-730-1675 or visit the website [www.MaliceDomestic.org](http://www.MaliceDomestic.org) to obtain the Friend's form. (\$50 U.S.)

### PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2018.

If space is available. Registrations not postmarked by the registration deadline will be treated as onsite basic registrations. Some banquet tickets may be available for \$95.

Name (as it should appear on badge) \_\_\_\_\_

[Authors note: Use the name under which you write. You must fill out the back of this form for consideration as an author. Also, fill out the back even if you have filled it out in the past. This is NOT saved year to year.]

AKA \_\_\_\_\_

[Only for authors who write under more than one name.]

Is this your first Malice?  Yes  No

Company (if needed for badge use) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Nine-digit ZIP/Postal Code, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (for periodic updates) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a  Fan  Mystery Author  Agent  Editor  
 Publisher  Reviewer  Bookseller

If you are an author, will you be traditionally published before this convention?  Yes  No

Our meeting sites are physically accessible. If you need an accessible room, please contact the hotel directly. If you have other access needs, please contact [MDRegServices@gmail.com](mailto:MDRegServices@gmail.com) or call 301-730-1675.

**Payment:** To use your Visa or MasterCard credit card, go to Malice's website at [www.MaliceDomestic.org](http://www.MaliceDomestic.org) to register and pay online. To pay by check, please make your check payable to Malice Domestic and send your payment along with this registration form to: Malice Domestic Registration, P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007. You should receive a confirmation letter within three weeks.

**Multiple Registrations:** A separate form is required for each person registering (photocopy this form as needed).

**Cancellation:** All cancellations are subject to non-refundable \$50 fee. No refunds after 3/15/18. Cancellations must be in writing or via e-mail ([MDRegServices@gmail.com](mailto:MDRegServices@gmail.com)). Registrants who cancel become Friends.

**Hotel Reservations:** Special hotel convention rate per night is \$129.00 (single, double). Rate is good for reservations made by April 4, 2018, subject to availability. See the Malice Domestic website at [www.MaliceDomestic.org](http://www.MaliceDomestic.org) for hotel reservation contact information and cutoff dates.

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# Mystery Author Information Section – Malice 30

This information is used for planning the program and panel assignments. To be considered an author at Malice Domestic 30, you must have had at least one mystery novel, one nonfiction mystery or three mystery short stories traditionally published by **April 27, 2018**. Malice’s definition of traditional publication is available on the Malice website <http://www.malicedomestic.org>. Note: If you’ve had only short stories published or haven’t had a new book released in the last few years, you will likely only be offered a spot as a moderator.

Name under which you write \_\_\_\_\_

Any other name under which you write \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Website address \_\_\_\_\_ Blog address \_\_\_\_\_

★ Will your first mystery be published between Malice Domestic 29 and 30?  Yes  No

Do you wish to be on a PANEL?  Yes  No Do you want a SIGNING TIME?  Yes  No

What have you published?  novels  novels and short stories  short stories only  
 children’s/young adult mysteries  nonfiction  historical mysteries

★ Title, publisher, and date of publication of your last new book (Don’t list books that are reissued; for short stories list anthology/magazine):  
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★ Title, publisher, and date of publication of your next two books or stories to be published:  
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★ Thumbnail sketch of protagonist(s):  
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## Elements of mysteries where you feel you have expertise/experiences to share:

characters  dialogue  plot  setting  mood/style  locked room  fan input  
 research/accuracy  children/young adults

**Panel suggestions** (NOTE: Suggestions for panel topics are welcome, but please remember that Malice is a fan convention. Panels geared toward assisting authors with craft or marketing are inappropriate for Malice. Please indicate if you would be a good fit for any topic you suggest. Unfortunately, due to the logistics of putting on a convention of Malice’s size, we cannot accept suggestions of other authors with whom you would like to serve on a panel.)

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**Special Note:** Please tell us now if there are times/days you cannot be on a panel and why. Note that if your availability is limited, your chances of getting a panel assignment will be reduced.

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