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THE STORY FORGE

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01 | Introduction

WHAT IS THE STORY FORGE?

The Story Forge is a communal lounge space within the exhibitor hall that brings participating Narrators and Voice Actors together in one shared area. Instead of individual booths, this space highlights the collective talent of our audio creators and creates a welcoming environment where connection and conversation feel natural.

We've always believed that the magic happens when we look at what already exists and imagine how it could feel richer, more meaningful, and more connected.

Grand Ball Room

As we continue shaping this new kind of experience, Narrators and Voice Actors join us without a participation fee. Instead, we ask for a handful of commitments that help us create something truly fulfilling for everyone involved.



02 | Preview

Participation & Expectations

- The Story Forge participation requirements
 - Associated costs
 - What's included with your participation
 - Panel Schedule
 - Permissions and restrictions of The Story Forge
 - Additional Access
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Layout

- View a preliminary layout of the entire convention hall as well as a zoomed in layout of The Story Forge.
 - Here you can also explore some of our reasoning for this particular layout choice, though the layout and details are subject to change until June.
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Optional Extras

Arcanum Cocktail & Game Night

- A fun networking event for members of The Arcanum (assistants included).

Trial of Fates After Party

- A heavily themed party for The Arcanum, VIP ticket holders, & event volunteers.

Arcanum Hospitality Room

- Restricted access to The Arcanum, no attendees permitted



Participation & Expectations

Convention Details

DATE July 16-19, 2026
PLACE Rogers, AR
VENUE Rogers Convention Center
HOTEL Embassy Suites

Access

Exhibitor Level Access & Badge
Includes:

- Arcanum Cocktail & Game Night
- Arcanum Hospitality Room
- Entry to Trial of Fates After Party
- Access to convention hall during setup hours
- Discounted Assistant badges (same access as exhibitor)

Schedule

*includes optional elements.

THURSDAY | 7/16

7:00pm - 10:00pm

- Arcanum Cocktail & Game Night

FRIDAY | 7/17

12:00pm - 3:00pm

- Panels (6 available)

3:00pm - 6:00pm

- VIP Convention Hall Hours

7:00pm - 11:00pm

- Trial of Fates After Party

SATURDAY | 7/18

10:00am - 12:00pm

- Early Convention Hall Hours

1:30pm - 6:00pm

- Open Convention Hall Hours

Requirements

1. Stay on-site at the Host Hotel
2. Participate in at least one panel (approx. 1 hour)
3. Participate in at least one live interview (approx. 30 minutes)
4. Be present for all convention hall hours (breaks should be taken as needed).
5. Sign an Exhibitor Agreement

Additional Costs

Host Hotel = \$174 (+tax&fees) per night

Hotel Parking = \$5 per day
*event parking is free

Assistant Badge (limit 2) = \$75

Logistics

Each Story Forge participant will receive a lanyard indicating they are a Narrator/Voice Actor, their own cocktail table, a table sign with a QR code, and a chair.

Story Forge participants are encouraged to mingle within the forge, but can be at their table if they wish.

Participants are permitted to walk around, handing out info or items within The Story Forge, and are not restricted to just their display table.

Participants may bring floor signage. Size is restricted to 33" wide. We highly recommend retractable signage given the open flow and traffic this area is likely to see.



Considerations & Layout

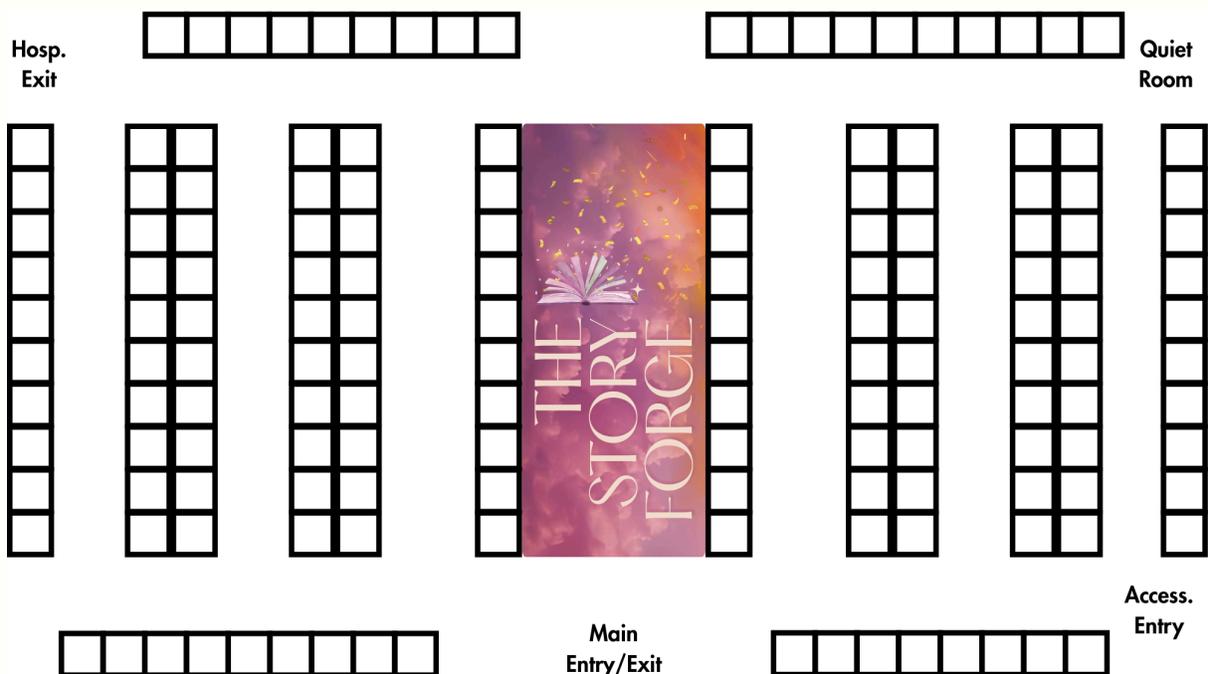
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Primary Objective

1. Increase foot traffic through The Story Forge by
 - a. making it a focal point of the convention hall
 - b. incorporating seating so attendees want to come here to rest

Added Benefits

- Added convention hall seating that didn't previously exist in prior iterations of the layout
- Decreases the need to exit the convention hall in order to rest.
- This space is carpeted with acoustic ceiling tiles which increases the likelihood that attendees will remain in the convention hall and utilize the seating within the forge.
- It's for everyone. While Narrators and Voice Actors consider this space their "booth", other exhibitors are welcome to visit and take breaks in The Story Forge as well as the Arcanum Hospitality room.



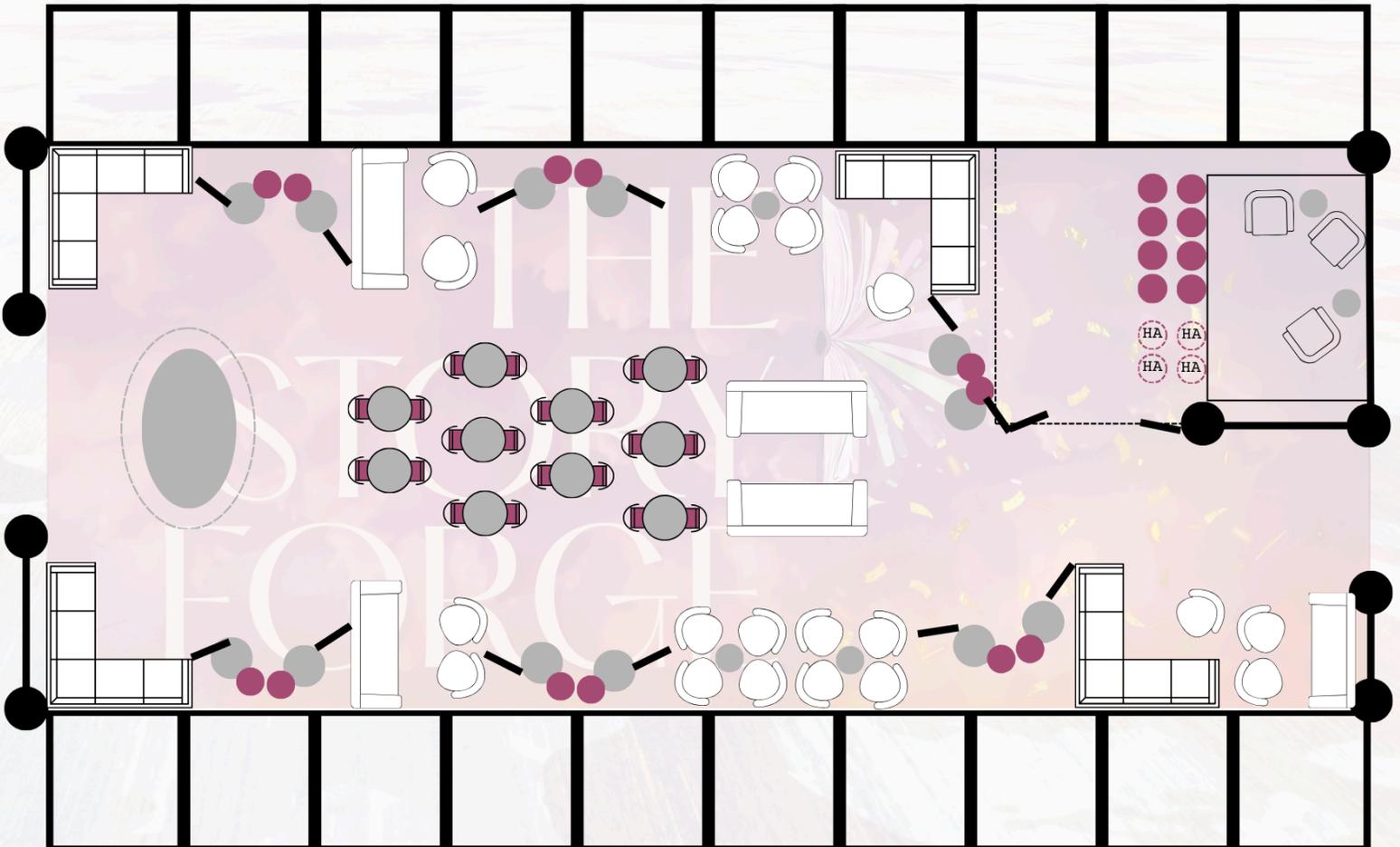


The Story Forge Layout

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Important Notes

- All booths are 10x10
- There will be pipe and drape backdrop along each side with booths and behind the live interview space
- This space measures approx. 40x100 and is not drawn to scale with 100% accuracy.
- Our goal was to add as much functional seating as possible to encourage utilization of this space but final seating choices and quantity are subject to change.





Optional Participation

Arcanum Cocktail & Game Night

Thursday, July 16th, 2026
7:00pm - 10:00pm

A casual networking event just for attending authors, narrators, voice actors, vendors, and influencers.

Enjoy cocktails, table top games, lightning round Q&As, and more!

Trial of Fates After Party

Friday, July 17th, 2026
7:00pm - 11:00pm

A themed party for VIP attendees, volunteers, and The Arcanum

Cosplay and formal attire are heavily encouraged but not required.

Enjoy food, drinks, large games, tarot readings, a trip to the oracle, photo booths, a runway event, and more!

Arcanum Hospitality Room

Access restricted to authors, narrators, voice actors, and vendors.

Enjoy light snacks and beverages when you take breaks from the convention hall!

Includes exclusive entry/exit to and from the convention hall

03 | Next Steps



Promo & Freebies

- If you'd like to bring items to giveaway to attendees, you're more than welcome to do so, and have them displayed at your cocktail table. Our expected number of attendees is 1200.

Interest Forms

- 2026 & 2027 Interest forms are open. Please visit our website or click [here](#) to fill out an interest form for The Story Forge.

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