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Sci-Fi Stories in Derby this Summer

Derby will be at the centre of the Sci-Fi universe on June 25 and 26, when it once again plays host to the Alt.Fiction Literature Festival.

Guests of honour will be best-selling science fiction writer Alastair Reynolds, and acclaimed comic book writer and novelist Dan Abnett.

The Alt.Fiction Literature Festival returns to QUAD, in Derby, with two days of science fiction, fantasy and horror writing events. The weekend programme is packed with readings, discussion panels, workshops, podcasts, films and more, featuring leading authors, agents and editors.

Alastair Reynolds hit the headlines in 2009 when he signed an unprecedented 10-book deal with Gollancz worth £1million. His novels *Revelation Space* and *Pushing Ice* were shortlisted for the Arthur C. Clarke Award; *Revelation Space*, *Absolution Gap*, *Diamond Dogs* and *Century Rain* were shortlisted for the British Science Fiction Award and *Chasm City* won the British Science Fiction Award. His upcoming title, *Blue Remembered Earth*, will be the first in his Poseidon's Children Trilogy.

Dan Abnett has written for DC, Marvel and 2000AD on titles such as *Iron Man*, *The Punisher*, *Nova*, *Realm of Kings* and *Heroes for Hire*, as well as creating and writing the *Sinister Dexter* series. He is the New York Times bestselling author of *Prospero Burns*, writing major titles for the Warhammer 40000 line including *Horus Rising*, *Titanicus* and the ongoing *Gaunt's Ghosts* series. His first novel for Angry Robot Books, *Triumff*, was published in 2009 and nominated for the British Fantasy Society Award for Best Novel, with his latest title, *Embedded*, due for release in April.

Dan Abnett says of the weekend: "I've heard great things about Alt.Fiction, so I can't wait. It's a treat to be invited, and I'm looking forward to a weekend of good company and stimulating conversation."

Weekend tickets are £45 (telephone the Box office on 01332 290 606). Day passes are also available.

For more information, visit www.derbyquad.co.uk/altfiction. (Alt.Fiction is a trading name of Writing East Midlands – Tel: 07896-228367).

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