OPEN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We are seeking stories that drift in alternate realities of *Spirit Machine*, an anthology that merges Science Fiction with Spiritualism and/or a dash of Steampunk. To be published in the Winter of 2021 by the Air and Nothingness Press.

Theme: Seance Fiction - A mashup of Spiritualism (seances, ouiji/spirit boards, kirlian auras, discarnated entities, ghost talking) and Science Fiction and/or Steampunk genres. *Be wild, take chances, submit stories that are left of center. Show us your fireworks!*

Stories **must** combine elements of **both** Spiritualism and Science Fiction/Steampunk SF. No fantasy stories, no standalone ghost stories, no SF without aspects of Spiritualism.

All stories are requested to be between **1500 and 3500 words** in length.

How to submit: Email your story to **info@aanpress.com** (Submissions open **June 1st, 2021** and close **July 31st, 2021**) These are firm dates.

Compensation: Our pay rate is 8 cents a word. Anthology authors will receive one print copy of the anthology, plus wholesale pricing for additional print copies (40% off the retail price).

Rights: AaNPress purchases North American serial rights for one year from the date of publication. All subsidiary rights released upon publication.

Submissions: New authors are as welcome as established writers. Especially encourage WOC/POC authors.

AaNPress does not accept reprints, multiple submissions, or simultaneous submissions. We will consider mature content only if we like the story, and find the mature content to be integral to it.

Manuscript Format: Standard manuscript format - .doc or .docx (MS Word), .rtf (Rich Text Format). Please also send a one paragraph biography.

We would prefer the additional layout specs - Page Size: Letter; Margins: .5"; Font: Calibri 11 point, single spaced - if possible.

Editorial Process: AaNPress will read submissions **August 1st, 2021** through **September 30th, 2021**. If a story does not work for the anthology, we will reject it. If we think the story has potential but is not quite complete yet, we will request a rewrite. Stories that are accepted for the anthology will be held for publication.

Regardless of the decision, you will receive email notifying you of our decision in a timely manner. Our final line-up will be chosen in the Autumn of 2021.

Response Time: Final decisions will be made by **October 15th, 2021**.

Join our authors in drifting in the alternate realities of *Spirit Machine*

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Some example story ideas:

Time Travelers, Harry Houdini and James Randi, and their team of ghost hunters

Steam-driven automata controlled by kirlian auras

Secret Victorian spectral-science agencies

Discarnately inhabited cybernetic androids

Spirit board navigated space ships