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The IEEE Computer Society and Association of Computing Machinery will host the tenth annual **Supercomputer Conference (SC98)** at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando (Florida). The week-long conference, November 7-13, includes tutorials, papers, and a keynote address by Bran Ferren of Walt Disney Imagineering. The technical program will cover parallel computing, high-speed networking, cache coherence, numerical algorithms, and other topics.

Admission to the conference runs \$390 for IEEE members; \$500 for nonmembers. The tutorials cost extra. For more information, or to register, contact SC98 (La Jolla, Calif.) at 888.778.7298 or visit www.supercomp.org.

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