

April 18 Panels

Retailer Appreciation Breakfast

On Friday, April 18, the third annual New York Comic Con will kick off with a special Retailer Appreciation Breakfast hosted by Diamond Comic Distributors, Dark Horse, DC and Marvel Comics. Members of Diamond's Upper Management Team and representatives from Dark Horse, DC and Marvel Comics will be on hand to discuss a variety of topics and have an open Q&A session for retailer feedback.

Steve Rude Art Class

Watch and observe Steve Rude' acrylic demo/workshop as he teaches a group of ten students. He will be teaching fundamental techniques that you can take home and use, taught at each student's skill level

Helping Bookstores Buy and Shelve Comics for TEENS

Should there be a teen comics section in your bookstore/comic bookstore? What should be in it? How do you market it?

From the Back of the Catalogue to the Top of the Charts

As the audience for graphic novels expands, there are more options for creators and readers than ever. James Lucas Jones from Oni, Ross Richie from Boom! Studios, Chris Ryall from IDW, Eric Lieb from Fox Atomic and Nick Barrucci from Dynamite talk about the issues of opportunities facing mid-level publishers.

Comics Publishing: Review and Outlook 2008

Industry leading publishing executives with bottom line responsibility will share their perspectives on the year ahead; trends and how their forthcoming properties will capture and (hopefully) help re-shape marketplace behavior.

Age Appropriate Content for Kids and Teen Comics

What should creators and publishers know about language, themes, and images when making comics for kids and teens? Alison Hendon and Lana Adlawan discuss this topic, introduced by Chris Butcher.

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Helping Libraries Buy and Shelve Comics for TEENS

What about the teens? Do you have everything you should in your teen section? Do you have a Teen section? These insiders will convince you that this should be a must-have section of your library. John Shableski moderates a discussion with Christian Zabriskie, Tyler Rosseau, Mike Pawuk and Robin Brenner.

Will Eisner: Portrait of a Sequential Artist

As any comic book connoisseur knows, Will Eisner may very well be the greatest innovator in the history of the art form. From the beginning in the 1930s and through six revolutionary decades, he stretched the boundaries and advocated more sophisticated storytelling techniques, and then reinvented himself as the architect of the graphic novel format. Will Eisner: Portrait of a Sequential Artist provides us with an intimate look at the man who has been labeled "the godfather of the American comic." Though he wasn't exactly responsible for traditional comic superheroes like Superman or Batman, his character of The Spirit, which followed crime fighter Denny Colt, lasted for twelve years and appeared in various publications. Through interviews with writers, artists, and legends like Kurt Vonnegut, Michael Chabon, Frank Miller, Jack Kirby, Jules Feiffer, Art Spiegelman, and many more, Eisner's undeniable pioneering influence on the comic book, graphic novel, and creative freedom in America comes out in rich detail. This is one exhilarating journey you won't want to miss.

NYCC Editors Buzz Forum

Only here at NYCC, editors will convene to share and reveal their personal perspectives, insights, and reasons as to why they are excited about various forthcoming titles, authors and artists. Without the hype of PR, sales and marketing, this intimate exchange is designed to transfer the undiluted editorial "buzz" from where it truly begins.

Diamond Tech Tips

"Retailers will gain solutions and updates for getting the most out of Diamond's site and tech offerings including:

- * Review areas of the site
- * Ordering options--reorders, initial orders, POW
- * Data files available, and how to use them for website creation, POS, etc.
- * Account information and reports available online
- * Artwork downloads available
- * CSLS profile editor and how to make the most of it

Q&A to follow presentation hosted by Diamond Technical Support Supervisor Cheryl Sleboda

CAPTAIN ACTION - Rebuilding an Icon

Join self-styled "Retropreneurs" Ed Catto and Joe Ahearn as they discuss Captain Action Enterprises, LLC, and how they went into Action with a 60's pop culture icon (who had become an "abandoned trademark"), and relaunched it for the new millennium! Panelists will also include Murphy Anderson, Silver Age comic legend and the original Ideal Toy package illustrator, Mark Sparacio, artist for the new comic and Ruben Procopio, famed Disney animator and now CA cover artist & sculptor!

Web Comics: Threat of Menace?

There's a dizzying array of different models for delivering comics over the Web, from Webcomics, to PDFs for a fee, to ad-supported PDFs, to PDFs as promotional tool, and behind it all is the backdrop of illegal file sharing of comics. Are comics on the Web going to be a tool to increase the popularity of paper products, an alternate distribution channel that takes sales from retailers and circulation from libraries, or a threat to legitimate channels as illegal downloads grow? Hear from legacy publishers and cutting edge pioneers on this critical issue for the near future.

What It Takes to Make it in Comics

Join Silent Devil's Christian Beranek as he reveals the secrets of what it takes to make it in comics and actually pay the bills. Finding artists, reviewing contracts, attending conventions and getting gigs, Beranek will share his universe of experience with you in this exciting one-hour session.

Drawn to Diversity

This educational program uses comic books and other popular images to "teach history, inspire artists, cultivate dialogue, and fight ignorance." Alfred

University students draw parallels between comic history and American history in a fun presentation suitable for all ages. This interactive history show also promises to give teachers and librarians means to discuss diversity and history through comic books. www.drawntodiversity.com

Kids Comics Publisher's Roundtable

KIDS! It's what this year's NY Comic Con is all about! Publishers, retailers, and librarians are finding that with more material directed at kids, the opportunities are growing exponentially. Find out what's new, where the fastest growth is occurring, and how you can take advantage of this hungry audience. Join this panel of editors from DC Comics, First Second, Oni Press, and Simon & Schuster, moderated by Janna Morishima from Diamond Book Distributors.

PHIL SEULING and the NY CON

Phil Seuling started the Comic Book Convention in New York City. Come hear a panel of comic greats talk about their memories of the show and the man.

What's Next After Naruto?

The face of manga is constantly evolving. Join this panel of experts for a discussion of the emerging properties in both America and Japan.

Comics, Concepts & Copyrights

This session will help comic book creators learn how to legally protect their comic book ideas and creations. We will unpack key copyright, trademark, and other intellectual property (IP) issues that control how comic book properties are sold. Panelists will include: Thomas A. Crowell, Esq., Ivan A. Saperstein, Esq. and Sheafe B. Walker, Esq.

DC Talent Search Orientation

Learn what DC Comics looks for in artists and find out how to improve your chances at becoming a working professional. Remember, diversity is the key with DC: DC Universe, Vertigo, WildStorm, Mad Magazine, Minx, and more! This informative orientation session will explain how DC's Talent Search works. If you want to have your work reviewed, attendance at this orientation session is mandatory, keep in mind that not all attendees are guaranteed a review.

Getting Your Kids Comic Published

Where should you publish your kids comic? What are the benefits to working with different kinds of publishers?

Mobile Comics and Manga

It's a fact – comic and manga fans want their mobile fix. But they won't be giving up their books and magazines, newspapers, and online delivery anytime soon. This means that print media will be adapting to the new technologies, and technology companies will be looking to the comics establishment for proven content. Now's your chance to learn how these partnerships work for creators, publishers and technology companies – today and in the future. Join our distinguished panel of leaders from GoComics, TOKYOPOP and Mirage who are making mobile part of a total comics entertainment delivery system.

A Webcomics Round Table

Join Dean Haspiel, Molly Crabapple, Ryan Roman, Leland Purvis, Ulises Farinas, Pedro Camargo, Kevin Colden, Paul Maybury, Simon Fraser, Nikki Cook, Jeff Newelt, Michael Cavallaro, Michel Fiffe, Tim Hamilton, Jennifer Tong, all members of the acclaimed webcomics collective ACT-I-VATE in a round-table discussion, moderated by Dan Goldman, on creating free online comics as a way to grow each others' audiences and what they've learned in the group's two year existence.

Choosing the News: The Changing Face of Online Journalism

It's a fact - journalism has changed. With more outlets than ever, more demands from news sources, and comics increasingly covered by the mainstream, how do comics news sites navigate the uncharted waters?

Will Eisner Tribute Panel

A discussion with some of Will Eisner's peers and the creators who have been influenced by his work.

Comics to OGNs--Editors Shifting Gears

Comic book companies and trade book publishers both produce sequential art, but the reader demographics, talent pools, commercial

market sensibilities, visual aesthetics, and perceptions of how the material is even read are so different that editors have to open a completely different rule book for what is and is not appropriate for each market. Yes, there's a rule book: it's the organic kind editors keep locked in their heads, right next to Sensibility, Craft, and Scheduling, and they'll be opening it up just for you.

State of the Manga Industry

All of America's major and minor manga publishers are at NYCC, and they've gathered to talk about the year thus far and what lies ahead for each company individually and the industry as a whole.

CAG - Open Call for Members

The Comicbook Artists Guild: An Open Call for Members Nationwide— Trying to break into the comics industry? Need an outlet for telling interesting stories with words and pictures? Join Keith Murphey, the founder of the Comicbook Artists Guild (otherwise known as CAG), along with industry veteran Mark Mazz and a panel of members representing the East coast, invites all aspiring creators to take part in an enlightening discussion of how CAG can unite talent together for projects of their choosing and how talented people like you can benefit from membership! Never been published? Need to find your own "voice"? Want to start a CAG chapter in your own hometown? Come find out how!"

Comics Experience: Building Your Art Portfolio

Want to draw comics for a living? Well, you need a portfolio to show off your stuff! Join Comics Experience founder, Andy Schmidt, and a host of guests to discuss how to get the most bang—and by "bang" we mean jobs—for your portfolio buck! These helpful tips are invaluable for every budding artist.

Illuminated

Experience a new dimension of animation! Illuminated tells the story of a young woman's enlightenment through a pioneering HD animation style previously unseen in the anime space. Merging the sensibilities of 2D hand-painted backdrops and character design with the precision of 3D modeling and rendering techniques, Illuminated is the future of animation.

(NEW YORK-TOKYO)

Using Comics in the Classroom

How can teachers use comics in the classroom? This educational session will discuss the current applications and give you great examples of how to bring this incredible medium into your curriculum.

MINX: Your Life in Pictures

In its first year, MINX found a whole new audience creating original Graphic Novels for teenage girls. This year, MINX is going to break all the rules with another onslaught of amazing books. Come join Group Editor Shelly Bond, Brian Wood (DMZ, The New York Four), Rebecca Donner (Burnout), Inaki Miranda (Burnout), Mariko Tamaki, Alisa Kwitney, David Hahn, Grazia Lobaccarro, and others.

The Legends Behind the Comic Books

A panel featuring some of the greatest living creators in the history of comics

AMERICA: Through the Eyes of the Graphic Novel

Special Guest Howard Zinn will present his innovative new graphic novel People's History of the American Empire, while Sid Jacobsen and Ernie Colon, will discuss their recent work to transform the 9/11 commission's report

Boys Be

There are two sides to every love story, and while most are from the woman's POV, Boys Be plays it a little differently, following the heart aches and heart breaks of three guys over one year of high school and all the romantic conquests and misadventures it contains. (RightStuf)

Helping Libraries Buy and Shelve Comics for KIDS

Should there be a kids comics section in the library? What should be in it? This panel of experts will give you the insights you need to capture kids' attentions and keep them coming back for more!

VERTIGO: Welcome to the Edge

With books like Fables, DMZ, American Virgin, Northlanders and more, VERTIGO continues to wreak havoc with the creators of comickdom's most groundbreaking imprint! Come hear Sr. VP / Executive Editor Karen Berger, Group Editor Shelly Bond, and others, as they speak with Grant Morrison (Doom Patrol), Brian Azzarello (100 Bullets, Loveless), Eduardo Risso (100 Bullets), Brian Wood (DMZ, Northlanders), Ricardo Burchielli (DMZ), Jason Aaron (Scalped), Mark Buckingham (Fables), G. Willow Wilson (Cairo, Air), Amy Hadley (Madame Xanadu), David Tischman (Bite Club), Tony Akins (Jack of Fables), Russ Braun (Jack of Fables), and many more as they discuss their books and find out why VERTIGO is THE imprint for discerning readers.

MoCCA presents RALPH BAKSHI - UNFILTERED

Known for his fierce independence and radical approach to filmmaking, Ralph Bakshi is legendary in cartooning and animation circles around the world. His groundbreaking works have influenced countless animators and such contemporary directors as Spike Lee, Quentin Tarantino, and Peter Jackson. Bakshi redefined cartooning with his back alley vernacular and distinctive satire in such films as Fritz the Cat, Heavy Traffic, American Pop, Fire & Ice, and Cool World. Unfiltered: The Complete Ralph Bakshi is the first and only book chronicling the career of this animation pioneer.

ChesterQuest

The hunt for the World's Best New Comic Book Talent ends TODAY! After a worldwide tour, the jet-lagged C.B. Cebulski will present the winners from his epic quest to the far reaches of the Earth. Don't miss this chance to meet the newest, hottest talent from the world of comics!

Bleach

Ever since he was a child, Ichigo Kurosaki could see ghosts. Now, with a battalion of Soul Reapers at his side, Ichigo fights them. A war's about to begin with the very fate of Heaven and Earth in the balance. (VIZ Media)

Beyond Shounen and Shoujo: Japan's Indie Manga Scene

An introduction to the world of independent/alternative manga in Japan -- books beyond the normal style of manga seen here in the West. Hosted by writer Sean Michael Wilson.

Using Computers to Draw Comics

Join us for a discussion of how-to techniques and tips from a variety of digital comic artists with varying styles as comics evolves towards a future of paperless production

Comics Experience: How to Write a Pitch

We all know it sucks, but if you're a writer, you've also got to know how to sell. A mighty cast of comic industry heavy hitters gives you top secrets on how to write a successful pitch! Join us to learn the keys to positioning your pitch for approval!

MARVEL - Mondo Marvel

2008 has already been a huge success for Marvel in all corners of the Universe. Now, join JOE QUESADA and the industry's top editors and creators such as Peter David, Marc Guggenheim, Greg Pak, Dan Slott, and more to find out what's to come for Spider-Man, Hulk, DD, cosmic, the FF, and all things Marvel!

A Look Behind the Scenes at CGC

What really happens when you send in that book for grading? Join CGC executives Harshen Patel and Scott Schechter for an exclusive slide show presentation behind the scenes at CGC's operations. They'll reveal the best practices for submitting comics, plus provide some great resources for improving your collection of CGC certified books. If you've ever had a question about the grading process, this session is where you'll find the answers!

Star Trek Books 2008

A special limited edition sampler of Pocket's upcoming arc of epic novels, KOBAYASHI MARU, GREATER THAN THE SUM, and the DESTINY trilogy, will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

One Piece

Countless sailors are lured into a quest around the globe to find treasure beyond all imagination -- the legendary One Piece -- but while most are cutthroats and killers, the most unlikely of pirates is about to set sail a boy

whose bright eyes and beaming smile are hidden under his straw hat -- Luffy. (FUNimation)

Women in Comics

Gail Simone, Heidi MacDonald, Karen Green, Jennifer Grünwald and Becky Cloonan will discuss the State of the industry from their perspective, plus insight into their exciting current projects, moderated by Abby Denson.

Running a Gothic & Lolita Fashion Studio

Join TOKYOPOP's Senior Editor Jenna Winterberg and Coordinating Editor Michelle Nguyen of Gothic & Lolita Bible as they guide a discussion about the ins and outs of fashion business entrepreneurship with a few of the featured designers from Saturday's Gothic & Lolita Bible Fashion Show: Megan McHugh (of Megan Maude), Samantha Rei (of Blasphemina's Closet), and Victoria Michel (of La Dauphine).

Bandai Entertainment

2007 was an amazing year for Bandai Entertainment with titles like The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya, Ghost and the Shell: Solid State Society, and My-OTOME just to name a few. That was just the start! 2008 brings CODE GEASS: Lelouch of the Rebellion, Ayakashi Ayashi, and much, much more!

WEIRD TALES - 85 Years, 85 Storytellers

Celebrating 85 years in print, Weird Tales has enjoyed a devoted cult following as the very first magazine of gothic and bizarre dark fantasy. Weird Tales is well known for launching the careers of great authors like Ray Bradbury and H.P. Lovecraft; even Stephen King has called the magazine a major inspiration. Come join the dynamic new creative team as they discuss the 85 Weirdest talents of the past 85 years.

Women in Fantasy and Science Fiction

Immortal names like Asimov, Heinlein, and Tolkien have defined the science fiction and fantasy realms, but genres which were once shaped by the hands of men are now being molded by fingers with a fairer touch. Spend an hour with some of fantasy and science fiction's leading

ladies and learn about how they're re-envisioning the future (and the past).

The State of Animation

Moderated by Mark Evanier, this panel discussion will take the pulse of the Animation industry and evaluate where the art form is heading tomorrow.

Secret Invasion

THE INVASION IS NOW! Who do you trust? That is the question every hero and villain in the Marvel Universe is asking. 2008's greatest and most anticipated event is here! Come join the creators, editors, and architects of SECRET INVASION. It's been 5 years in the making, and now is your chance to find out what you may have missed, what hints are out there now, and what is yet to come. There will be revelations, answers, surprises, and even a few SKRULLS!

Evolution of the Cover

Greg Horn is one of the most renowned cover artists in the comic industry, creating jaw-dropping covers for She-Hulk, Ms. Marvel, Elektra, Witchblade, and countless others. Using preliminary sketches and revisions from his upcoming children's book, Emma Frost, Greg takes you through the step-by-step revision process to create the perfect cover.

X-O MANOWAR'S VALIANT RETURN

The storm has passed and Valiant Entertainment has emerged triumphant! For fans of the classic Valiant Comics super hero universe, and anyone who loves the work of Bob Layton, Sean Chen and the brilliant writers and artists of the renowned Knob Row, here is a chance to recapture the science fiction adventure of that initial run of X-O Manowar ("Conan in a Can!") and experience the first original, official X-O story in over ten years. Get your hardcovers signed and join former Valiant editor Jeff Gomez at this rare reunion of the team behind the book.

Lucky Star

Lucky Star's the slice-of-life story of Konata Izumi, a Japanese high schooler who -- while smart and athletic -- doesn't do all too well in

school or at sports. What's the reason? She's an anime fan. (Bandai Entertainment)

Independents (screening)

This ground-breaking documentary gives you the access to Twenty-four respected creators as they unveil the secrets of the artistic mind, by talking about their favorite medium, the lowest of the low-brow arts: comic books.

Nick Magazine Presents – Avatar Comics

"Nickelodeon Magazine gives a behind-the-scenes look at comics produced for Avatar: The Last Airbender and spotlight all the creativity surrounding the fandom for the popular show. There will lots of audience participation, trivia-bending, and prizes for the best cosplayers! Featuring: Johane Matte aka Rufftoon (storyboard artist), Dave Roman (comics editor), Alison Wilgus (comics writer) and Amy Kim Ganter (comics artist)."

FUNimation

Dragon Ball Z, Fullmetal Alchemist, and Samurai 7. How do you top this? The women and men at FUNimation have a lot more up their sleeves, ready to make 2008 a year to remember. Learn about FUNimation's latest and greatest plans for the first time right here!

The History of Superhero Movies

Comic books started out modestly 75 years ago, printed on pulp paper and appealing to a very young audience. Today, comics have become American mythology with a broad ranging readership, with legendary characters and stories that have transcended time and inspired generations of readers and artists in all different mediums. With movie companies now issuing bonds to finance the purchase of rights to characters, super-hero movies have become an international multi-billion dollar industry. Eddy Friedfeld analyzes the history of the comic book movie, from the innovative Fleischer animated Superman cartoons and the Columbia Batman and Superman serials of the 1940s to George Reeves and Christopher Reeve's Men of Steel, to the modern collection of Keaton, Kilmer, Clooney and Bale Batmans, Superman Returns,

the Spider-Man trilogy, Ghost Rider and the upcoming The Incredible Hulk and Iron Man.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, COMICS!

Please join Virgin Comics on a creative journey inside the minds of filmmakers working in the world of comics with Edward Burns (The Brothers McMullen, Purple Violets), comic superstars Jimmy Palmotti (Dock Walloper, Painkiller Jane, Dare Devil) Jeff Parker (Guy Ritchie's Gamekeeper, Agents of Atlantis) and other special guests.

Comic Artists Talk About Drawing

How do they do it? Why do they love it? Join this stellar panel of artists as they provide the inside scoop! Moderated by Peter Sanderson.

CBLDF presents - An Evening with Neil Gaiman

A benefit event and live auction to support the CBLDF

DC NATION

The call goes out once more! Join Sr. VP / Executive Editor Dan DiDio, Senior Coordinating Editor Jann Jones, Keith Giffen (52, Reign In Hell), Jim Starlin (Death of the New Gods), Justin Gray (Countdown to Adventure), Gail Simone (Wonder Woman) and others, to catch a glimpse of what will be the most talked about events of the new year!

The Pop Culture of TOYS!

Action figure and statue creation is pop art that is coming into the mainstream spotlight. In years past, nameless, faceless painters and sculptors cranked out figure after figure of beloved characters, but now these mysterious creators are becoming better known among fans and the industry. In this discussion with some of the industry's top talents you will discover the path that led them to many a "fan boy's" dream job. Join Chuck Terceira, Director of Diamond Select Toys and a panel of creators to find out what tools and materials they use and hear some insight to what's coming next from these artistic greats.

Shin Chan

He's rude. He's crass. He's unbelievably obnoxious and he likes showing his @\$\$\$. He's Shin, and he's the star of this train wreck. From superhero

sell-outs, hotties, and half-tards to bunny abuse and dirty old men, Shin-chan gives unwholesome family fun a whole new spin. (FUNimation)

Spotlight on Bryan Hitch

British artist Bryan Hitch is most famous for his work on Marvel's The Ultimates, along with writer Mark Millar. His American comics work includes JLA, and his co-creation (along with Warren Ellis) of WildStorm's The Authority. One of the most popular artists in comics today, Hitch has reunited with Mark Millar to take over Fantastic Four for Marvel in 2008.

Comics Experience: Breaking Into Comics

So you want to make comics? This panel is your first step towards actually doing it! Top comic book creators discuss the ins and outs of the comic industry - specifically, what it takes to break into comics and how it's done! This is the panel that no writer and no artist dare miss.

Death Note

The Death Note is a notebook from the realm of the Death Gods with the power to kill anyone by just writing their name within its pages. When it lands in the hands of schoolboy Yamagi Light, he decides to create a perfect world. (VIZ Media)

Girls Who Kick Ass

How do the ladies creating comics do it? They're constantly blowing us away with the most outrageous and provocative titles. Jenna Jameson (Shadow Hunter), Amanda Connor (Birds of Prey, Painkiller Jane, Lois Lane), Louise Simonson (New Mutants, X-Factor, Superman) and special guests reveal why they know what Fan-Boys want.

Marvel 1958-1968

1958: Jack Kirby returned to Marvel and helped spark a revolution. 1968: Marvel expanded its line drastically when restrictive distribution rules were removed. Join Marvel historian Peter Sanderson and guest stars as they explore the changes from '58 to '68.

Black And White: Composition and Design

Over the last century, stories of all mediums have tapped into the dynamic visual quality of "heavy blacks." This workshop will focus on how to control

the use of black and white shapes to create dynamic compositions, intriguing character designs, dramatic lighting effects, and complex staging. This will be a lecture-based workshop, filled with visual examples from the mediums masters of black and white comics. If you like Sin City, Hellboy, or 100 Bullets, this is the workshop for you!

The Black Panel - NYCC Style

Witness true black power—the power of black content in the entertainment marketplace. This lively panel will look at how black content is influencing entertainment and discuss how to increase its output in the mainstream.

SCIFI FRIDAY NIGHT - Battlestar Galactica and Doctor Who - ALL NEW!

All new episodes of Doctor Who and Battlestar Galactica premiere every Friday on SCI FI. Now Comic Con fans can be the first to catch the latest adventure. Join SCI FI for an exclusive preview screening of Friday night's episodes. Everyone attending will receive a special The Stranded mini comic.

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Nicktoons Network Presents: Three Delivery

Come get the inside scoop on Three Delivery, Nicktoons Network's upcoming new series from Creator/Executive Producer Larry Schwarz (Animation Collective). Set in Chinatown, Three Delivery is a modern day superhero tale packed with martial arts action, high speed bike races, paranormal mystery, and comedy. Joining Larry are Art Director Alan Foreman, Cultural Consultant Pei-Chen Chen and actor Robby Sharpe, lead voice actor. Together they will present a behind-the-scenes look at what to expect in this amazing new series. Plus, get a special sneak preview before the series premiere in June!

Ben 10: Alien Force

A whole new Ben. A whole new force. Cartoon Network unveils the future of Ben 10 in a special NYCC screening of this brand new original

series, followed by a special Q&A Panel with the show's creators. Join Ben as he must choose to once again put on the Omnitrix and combine forces with friends and foes from his past to battle an ominous alien conspiracy that threatens the very fate of our galaxy. Go Full Force!

MATTEL and DC COMICS - A Heroic Partnership

You've been a fan of Mattel's popular DC toy lines, now find out the latest news, sneak peaks and behind the scenes scoop on your favorite Mattel/DC action figures including DC Universe Classics, Justice League Unlimited, Infinite Heroes, plus exciting new lines and the world premier of brand new action figures. Join Mattel toy designers for an insightful Q&A. Not to be missed!

VIZ Media

VIZ Media is responsible for Naruto and Bleach, the biggest anime and manga in America. What can they possibly do next? Find out.

Fullmetal Alchemist Top 3

Fullmetal Alchemist has legions of fans and is a modern day classic. But what's the best of the best? Watch the show's top three episodes -- as voted by fans! (FUNimation)

Marvel - Make Mine Marvel

Join Editor Nick Lowe for in-depth, one-on-one chats with some of the hottest names in graphic fiction. Get into the minds of sci-fi mastermind Orson Scott Card, acclaimed crime novelist Duane Swierczynski, legendary Marvel creator John Romita Sr. and a special surprise guest in this intimate look at the past, present, and future of comics!

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STAN ON STAN!

Elvis is IN OUR BUILDING!!! Stan Lee is revered for co-creating Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Fantastic Four, the Silver Surfer, and the Incredible Hulk, among other original and wildly popular characters. Now the first recipient of the New York Comics Legend Award, Stan explains why comics are still vital in the 21st Century and what he has planned for the future.

Kiltro

Marko Zaror stars as Zamir, the leader of a gang known as the Kiltros. More a gang of idle layabouts than a gang of criminals, the Kiltros don't actually do all too much, and Zamir spends most of his time obsessing over a girl. But when Kim's life is threatened, Zamir and the Kiltros stand up. Blending South American film verité style, spaghetti western theatricality, and a healthy Hong Kong martial arts influence, Kiltro was a major box office and critical success in its native Chile and it's poised to take America by storm! (Magnolia)

Steve Gerber Memorial

Comic book writer Steve Gerber passed away on February 10 at a hospital in Las Vegas. Now, members of F.O.O.G. (Friends of Ol'Gerber) gather together to say farewell and swap stories about one of comics' most innovative creative talents, the scribe who gave you Howard the Duck. With Mary Skrenes, Len Wein, Buzz Dixon and many more, along with moderator Mark Evanier.

Disney: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian and WALL•E

"One year later for the Pevensie siblings. 1,300 years later in Narnia. The enchanted characters of C.S. Lewis' timeless fantasy come to life again in this second installment of the beloved book series, where a thrilling, perilous new adventure and all-new creatures and challenges await the Pevensie siblings. Watch exclusive new film footage from this epic adventure series and join Ben Barnes (Prince Caspian), William Moseley (Peter Pevensie), Peter Dinklage (Trumpkin), and producer Mark Johnson for an exclusive audience Q&A.

In WALL•E: The year is 2700. WALL•E, a robot, spends every day doing what he was made for. But soon, he will discover what he was meant for. From Academy Award®-winning director, Andrew Stanton (Finding Nemo), WALL•E is the story of one robot's comic adventures as he chases his dream across the galaxy. Be the first to see exclusive new footage of Disney-Pixar's next adventure!"

Dark Horse Comics Presents Emily the Strange

Emily the Strange— Get ready to enter the world of the Strange! Meet the behind-the-scenes talent on the Dark Horse comic, hear about what the future holds for Emily, and come prepared with your deepest questions about life's biggest mysteries. It also never hurts to have a great acapella arrangement of your favorite Black Sabbath song ready to show off, or a killer stupid dance move. Prizes will be awarded for no good reason at all!

Dinotopia: Behind the Scenes

Dinotopia creator James Gurney gives a digital slide show of the making of Dinotopia from its origins in 1988 to the most recent book, Journey to Chandara, released in 2007. He gave a similar presentation to nine art schools and five movie studios last fall. He explores the nitty-gritty of visualizing imaginary scenes realistically in traditional media. The presentation is fun, lively, and practical, covering research, thumbnail sketches, reference maquettes, perspective, dinosaur reconstruction, step-by-step sequences, plein air painting, plus a little about world-building and working as an author/illustrator.

Del Rey Manga

The team from Del Rey Manga is on hand to dish out some exciting new manga announcements and updates on what you can expect from your favorite publisher through 2008 and beyond. Plus all the usual fun of the Del Rey Q&A.

Emma

Emma is the strikingly simple and sweet story of a house maid who falls in love with an aristocrat in 19th Century London. It's one of the most tender, touching, heart-felt, and purely genuine animations to come out

of Japan in recent (and long-term) memory, and while it lacks giant robots, busty schoolgirls, and all the other traditional anime trappings, it deserves a viewing. Rather, because it lacks giant robots, busty schoolgirls, and all the other traditional anime trappings, it deserves a viewing. (Right Stuff)

Spotlight on Mike Mignola

Mike Mignola's fascination with ghosts and monsters began at an early age (he doesn't remember why) and reading Dracula at age 12 introduced him to Victorian literature and folklore from which he has never recovered. After several years of solid work for DC and Marvel, Mike joined several other comic book creators (John Byrne, Frank Miller, Geof Darrow, etc.) to form the Legend imprint at Dark Horse Comics and there he created Hellboy, a tough and leathery occult detective who may or may not be the beast of the apocalypse. There are now 6 Hellboy graphic novels (with more on the way), several spin off titles (Hellboy: Weird Tales, Hellboy Junior, BPRD), 2 anthologies of prose stories, several novels, 2 animated films and now two live action films starring Ron Perlman. Get out your horn grinders, strap yourself in, and welcome the creator of HELLBOY!

Zombie Survival 101

The zombie apocalypse is coming -- it's only a matter of time. Prepare yourself for the walking dead with this course in the essential tips and tricks you'll need to keep safe during Earth's darkest hour. Hosted by the Green Light Anti-Zombie Squad.

T.M.Revolution

T.M.Revolution is one of the biggest pop stars in Japan and performing for the first time in NYC later tonight. Meet the man before his concert and discover how he rose to fame and what his next projects are all about!

DCU: Countdown to Crisis

Sr. VP / Executive Editor Dan DiDio and Senior Coordinating Editor Jann Jones, Geoff Johns (Action Comics, Green Lantern), Grant Morrison (Batman, Final Crisis), Ethan Van Sciver (Justice League of America, Green Lantern), J.G. Jones (Final Crisis), Stephanie Roux (Birds of Prey), Gary Frank (Action Comics) and others for a panel that's not to be missed. The

Sinestro War has passed, the Countdown is nearly over, and a Final Crisis looms! What lies ahead for our favorite heroes? Find out here!

Comic Strips for the 21st Century

Throughout the 20th Century, the comic strip rode the crest of newspaper readership that reached over 86,000,000 readers every Sunday in the late '80s, but its wave of popularity is waning with the drastic and continuing decline in newspaper markets and circulation. But all is not lost! The Internet Age is upon us, and newspaper comic strips have a new avenue for distribution...but how will the medium need to aesthetically and commercially adjust to achieve this transformation to the 21st Century? Moderator: Lee Nordling, President of The Pack, Author of "Your Career In the Comics"; Panelists: Brendan Burford, Editor, King Features Syndicate, Lucas Wetzel, Asst. Acquisitions Editor, Universal Press Syndicate

The SciFi Channel Presents - BATTLESTAR GALACTICA

Last year, Battlestar Galactica took New York by storm for its first ever Comic Con panel. But that was just the beginning. Join fans from around the world as the series Entertainment Weekly hails as a "fan-frakking-tastic" show on television,"* returns to the Con for its 2nd annual appearance.

Books with Capes: The Literary Superhero

Join Stephen King's son Owen King and John McNally, who both edited and contributed to Who Can Save Us Now? Brand-New Superheroes and Their Amazing (Short) Stories. The discussion, which also includes illustrator Chris Burnham, taps into the recent surge of interest in comics, superheroes, graphic novels, and other pop-fantasy media.

Yen Press

What happens when a former DC Comics Vice President and Manga Buyer for Borders team up? Yen Press. Learn about the origin and upcoming releases from this new manga powerhouse!

CODE GEASS

CODE GEASS is the story of war, revenge, and robots with character designs by legendary manga studio CLAMP. In the year 2010, the Holy

Empire of Britannia invades Japan, crushing all opposition with their robotic soldiers, the Nightmare Frames. But while Japan is enslaved under Britannia's rule, the Japanese Resistance is about to receive help from the most unlikely of sources, the son of Britannia's Emperor. (Bandai Entertainment)

The World of Shannara

The Shannara book of Terry Brooks are epic, legendary, and grand. Now, meet the man himself. Terry Brooks will discuss the origin and future of Shannara and Robert Napton, the man behind the upcoming Shannara graphic novel, will speak about adding images to Terry Brooks' immortal words.

Legion of Superheroes 50th Anniversary

Join the creators of Legion for a look back on 50 years of adventures and stories, moderated by comic book historian Peter Sanderson.

Robotech: Past, Present, and Future

Tommy Yune, director of Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles, covers the history of the animated series that introduced a generation to anime and discusses upcoming new releases in the wake of the announcement of the live-action feature film.

Spotlight on Orson Scott Card

Orson Scott Card is the author of the novels Ender's Game, Ender's Shadow, and Speaker for the Dead. Besides these and other science fiction novels, Card writes contemporary fantasy (Magic Street, Enchantment, Lost Boys), biblical novels (Stone Tables, Rachel and Leah), the American frontier fantasy series The Tales of Alvin Maker (beginning with Seventh Son), poetry (An Open Book), and many plays and scripts.

Mirageman

Marko Zaror stars as Maco, a young man orphaned when his parents were killed in a violent attack. Maco pays the bills working as a bouncer at a club and fills the rest of his solitary life training in martial arts so that he can never be made a victim again. But everything changes for Maco one night when he stops a burglar and saves a woman.

Realizing the power in his hands, Maco dons a mask and vows to become a hero. (Magnolia)

Comic Writers Talk about Writing

An esteemed panel of writers will discuss their deep, dark thoughts and how they're able to bring their demons to the page, and still lead a normal life! Moderated by Danny Fingeroth.

Star Wars and Indiana Jones: What's Hot from Lucasfilm

There are few movie franchises, if any, that have captured popular culture more completely than Star Wars and Indiana Jones. Lucasfilm's Steve Sansweet will showcase the exciting year that's coming for fans. Enjoy sneak peaks into the eagerly awaited animated television series, Star Wars: The Clone Wars, hearing insights from those closest to the creative process. Glimpse game play from Star Wars: The Force Unleashed, the ground-breaking new game from LucasArts that promises to make players feel like they are inside the next chapter of the Star Wars Saga. There will be Star Wars of another type too, with an interview with Seth Green and Matt Senreich, co-creators of Star Wars: Robot Chicken. And in the Indy world, hear inside news on the soon-to-be released Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

DAN DARE: Britain's Greatest Hero – What Americans need to know now!

Virgin Comics presents Garth Ennis (The Boys, Preacher, John Woo's Seven Brothers) to reveal the brilliance of Dan Dare's enduring legacy and shares why he needed to write this quintessential British story for readers in the US. In Garth's own words, "He's our Captain America, our Superman, our Batman, he's all of them rolled into one. He's the original and the best." Joining Garth for his first public US appearance in many years is Peter Hampson, whose father, Frank, created Dan Dare in 1950 and Larry Lieberman, Chief Marketing Officer of Virgin Comics.

The World of Dabel Brothers Publishing

Dabel Brothers Publishing come to the NY Comic Con with a jam-packed Panel that offers exclusive previews of Jim Butcher's The Dresden Files: Welcome to the Jungle, George R. R. Martin's Wild Cards: The Hard Call,

and Dean Koontz's *Frankenstein: Prodigal Son*. But that's not all! The Dabels are also going to be showing some never-before-seen artwork, previews of up coming titles and a special guest or two all from the world of Dabel Brothers Publishing.

Masters of the Universe DVD Release!

At long last the popular 2002 MOTU animated series is out on DVD! Come help celebrate this release with a special screening of episode 35 –The Power of Grayskull and learn the secret origin of the most Powerful Man in the Universe- HE-MAN! PLUS- the world premier of brand new MOTU toy news- revealed here for the very first time! Q&A with Mattel toy designers to follow.

One Piece: Behind the Scenes

Meet the crew behind the crew of *One Piece*! FUNimation's here with the voices of your favorite pirates to give you an inside look at this swashbuckling series!

NANA

Two young women, both named Nana, one a punk rocker and the other from the upper middle class, find each other in Tokyo as their lives, loves, and careers intertwine. Based on the manga by Ai Yazawa. (VIZ Pictures)

New York City through its Authors

New York City may be the world's most-written-about city. While sometimes romantic, sometimes mythic, and sometimes wicked, it's always New York. New York Comic Con invites several of the city's local authors to speak about how living in New York has influenced their words – whether they're writing about NYC or not.

Do You Have a Great Idea for a TV Show? A Starter's Guide on Independent Television

Many people have had ideas for the perfect new TV show, but what comes next? Unless they have a relative working in development at a network, it can be very difficult for aspiring TV producers to get their voices heard. This panel introduces the audience to a group of independent producers who took matters into their own hands. Often

armed only with easily accessible equipment and a few favors from friends, dozens of up-and-coming producers have created their own television pilots and showcased them for the decision-makers in the industry at the New York Television Festival. As a result of screening at the NYTVF, these producers have secured deals with development departments at places such as NBC, A&E, and MSN. Come listen to their stories and see highlights from the independently produced pilots that helped launch their careers in television. (Mary Egan Callahan – Co-Executive Producer, *Split the Difference*, Nick Cogan – Executive Producer/Animator, *Squid Dragon Legend*, Dan McNamara – Executive Producer, *Redeeming Rainbow*, *The Calderons*, James Murray – Executive Producer/Creator, *Criss-Cross*, Joe Narciso – Co-Executive Producer, *Split the Difference*)

Spotlight on Grant Morrison

Grant Morrison has been recognized as one of the top writers in the comics industry for more than 20 years and is acknowledged as one of its most imaginative storytellers. 2008 continues his best-selling runs on *ALL STAR SUPERMAN* and the *BATMAN* comic. Morrison is now writing the hotly anticipated *FINAL CRISIS*, the major crossover book for DC Comics in 2008. Tie in books include the controversial upcoming *BATMAN R.I.P.* storyline which will revolutionize the character and book. 2008 also marks an anticipated return to creating his own characters at DC's adult-oriented Vertigo Imprint. Several new series are in the works with release commencing in the Autumn.

Brave New World - Image Comics

Three generations of Image creators, including Image founders (Publisher Erik Larsen), established creators (such as *Dynamo 5* and *Noble Causes*' Jay Faerber) and all-new creators (including the front man of the insanely popular prog rock band, *Coheed & Cambria*, Claudio Sanchez, who is establishing himself as a writer in *The Amory Wars* and *Mark Sable* from *Hazed & Grounded*) will spend the hour in this exclusive New York Comic Con interview.

Universal Studios presents - WANTED and HELLBOY 2: THE GOLDEN ARMY

"WANTED" - James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman and Angelina Jolie star in

a action-thriller with a hero for a new generation. Based upon Mark Millar's graphic novel series and directed by stunning visualist Timur Bekmambetov, *Wanted* uncovers one apathetic nobody's transformation into an enforcer of justice. Mark Millar and Timur Bekmambetov are scheduled to appear.

HELLBOY 2: THE GOLDEN ARMY - With a signature blend of action, humor and character-based spectacle, the saga of the world's toughest, kitten-loving hero from Hell continues to unfold in *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*. Bigger muscle, badder weapons and more ungodly villains arrive in an epic vision of imagination from director Guillermo del Toro, based upon the comic by Mike Mignola. Director del Toro, Mignola and stars Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones and Luke Goss are scheduled to appear."

The SciFi Channel Presents - GHOST HUNTERS

This year, New York Comic Con gets a little more paranormal. Catch Josh Gates from *Destination Truth* as he moderates the first ever *Ghost Hunters* panel discussion with Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson. What you'll hear is real - and scary!

Speed Racer, Digital Manga, and 801 Media

Come join the editors of *DMP*, *June*, and *801 Media* as we discuss new acquisitions for 2008-2009 - both yaoi and mainstream, 2008 highlights, and raffle off the usual slew of awesome prizes. Peter Fernandez (the voice behind *Speed Racer*) will also be on hand to discuss *DMP Platinum's* release of the complete, original *Speed Racer* manga. Who knows, 801-chan and Tomo-chan might even put in a guest appearance!

Voice Actors and The City

New York City is home to some of America's most talented voice actors. Now, spend an hour learning about making your living voicing cartoon characters in the City That Never Sleeps!

Fan Films - A History and Future

Fan films--outlaw, amateur movies starring famous comic book and Sci-Fi characters--are an internet phenomenon; find out their secret past, who

makes them today and what they'll mean to Big Media tomorrow. Panelists: filmmakers Adam Bertocci (*Run Leia Run*), Chris Notarile (Blinky Productions), Dan Poole (*The Green Goblin's Last Stand*); Professor Dan Galiardi, Five Towns College; Fanboy Will of *FanFilmPodcast.com*; and Clive Young, author of *Homemade Hollywood: Fans Behind The Camera*.

VERTIGO Voices: Through the Looking Glass

Vertigo has always stood out as the premiere imprint for edgy and provocative comics. But this year, Vertigo is spotlighting Original Graphic Novels and new series that will leave readers stunned. Come listen in as Sr. VP / Executive Editor Karen Berger, Group Editor Shelly Bond, and others speak with Jonathan Ames (*The Alcoholic*), Dean Haspiel (*American Splendor*), Mat Johnson (*Incognegro*), Warren Pleece (*Incognegro*), Brian Wood (*DMZ*, *Northlanders*, *Demo*), Becky Cloonan (*American Virgin*, *Demo*), Josh Dysart (*Swamp Thing*), G. Willow Wilson (*Cairo*, *Air*), M.K. Perker (*Cairo*, *Air*), and more!

SCOTT McCLOUD'S ZOT!

ZOT! is BACK! Acclaimed comics artist and theoretician Scott McCloud will see his classic comics series, *Zot!*, republished by HarperCollins as an original trade paperback edition in July 2008. One of McCloud's earliest extended works of fiction, *Zot!* is a seminal work that reflects the influence of both manga and the emerging alternative comics scene on McCloud's comics. Join Scott for a great hour of reflection and insight into his and your favorite moments from the classic series.

Into the Inferno: Nickelodeon's Avatar: The Last Airbender Finale

Get an insider's look at the explosive 2-hour movie event as the adventures of Aang, the last Airbender culminate in a head to head battle with the Fire Lord Ozai. The panel will be packed with exclusive sneak peeks of upcoming episodes, production art, the official trailer for the highly anticipated finale and a Q&A with special guests, show creators Bryan Konietzko and Mike DiMartino. Moderated by Megan Casey, Executive in Charge for Nickelodeon.

TOP COW Editorial Panel

Join Top Cow President Matt Hawkins, Publisher Filip Sablik, and VP of

Editorial Rob Levin as they give you the 411 on all the hot, new events from The Cow in 2008! They'll be joined by your favorite Top Cow creators, including the Witchblade creative team of Ron Marz and Stjepan Sejic, plus The Darkness creative team of Phil Hester and Michael Broussard! Be the first to hear exclusive announcements, see sneak peeks of upcoming art, and as a bonus, every attendee will receive a FREE exclusive gift not available anywhere else!

Sci-Fi Round Table: The Future of The Future

Veteran authors and the genre's emerging voices gather to speak about their common influences, current projects, modern science, and the trends that are changing the genre.

Marvel Studios and Universal present - THE INCREDIBLE HULK

THE INCREDIBLE HULK kicks off an all-new, explosive and action-packed epic of one of the most popular Super Heroes of all time. In this new beginning, scientist Bruce Banner (Edward Norton) desperately hunts for a cure to the gamma radiation that poisoned his cells and unleashes the unbridled force of rage within him: The Hulk. Director Louis Leterrier and producers Gale Anne Hurd and Kevin Feige are scheduled to appear.

ABC TV/Stage 9 Digital Media present - TRENCHES

Set in another time, on another planet, Trenches begins in the waning days of a grueling war. A botched rescue attempt forces a young soldier and his unit to team up with their enemy to survive a brutal threat and escape the planet. Join critically-acclaimed filmmaker Shane Felix, creator of the online sensations "Pitching George Lucas" and "Star Wars Revelations," for an exclusive preview of this sci-fi action thriller.

Zuda: The Future of Online Comics

Read. Vote. Create. With those three little words, Zuda is changing the face of comics on the internet. Come meet the muscle behind the magic! Hosted by Richard Bruning—Senior VP, Creative Director and creators Jeremy Love (Bayou), Bobby and Peter Timony (The Night Owls), Nicholas Doan (Pray For Death), and more.

Irwin Hasen and Leonard Starr

An open discussion with two of the most beloved comic strip/book artists of all time, Irwin Hasen (Golden Age Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, and Dondi), and Leonard Starr (Golden and silver age comics, Mary Perkins, On Stage, Annie, Kelly Green and ThunderCats), moderated by Danny Fingerroth.

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Watanuki has been haunted by dark spirits his entire life, a curse flowing through his bloodline preventing peace. When his incessant demons drag him to the ornate door of the Dimensional Witch Yuko, he meets a mystical woman of insight and luxury, quick to help those in a bind... For a fee! (FUNimation)

Gothic & Lolita Fashion

Discover the inspirations behind the fashions featured at Saturday's Gothic & Lolita Bible Fashion Show! TOKYOPOP's Senior Editor Jenna Winterberg and Coordinating Editor Michelle Nguyen discuss the creative aspects of being a designer with an emphasis on design inspiration. The panel features guest Megan McHugh (of Megan Maude), Samantha Rei (of Blasphemina's Closet), and Victoria Michel (of La Dauphine).

Today's Voices in Graphic Novels

Many of today's hottest authors are doing amazing work in the Graphic Novel medium. Come here these voices as they discuss their thoughts on exploring this new medium.

Nickelodeon's Favorite Party Animals: Back at the Barnyard

Come get the inside scoop on Back at the Barnyard, Nickelodeon's latest breakout comedy from Executive Producer Steve Oedekerker (The Nutty Professor). Joining Steve are Supervising Producer Jed Spingarn (Jimmy Neutron) and actor and comedian Chris Hardwick (The X's), voice of lead character, Otis. Plus, get a special look at Nick's newest CG-animated shows, including the upcoming Penguins of Madagascar, co-produced by DreamWorks Animation. Moderated by Roland Poindexter, Vice President, Nickelodeon Original Programming, Animation.

ABC presents - ELI STONE

Is it possible to change life midstream and get back to who you are at your core? From Greg Berlanti (Brothers & Sisters, Dirty Sexy Money, Everwood) and Marc Guggenheim (Brothers & Sisters, Law & Order, The Practice) comes a story about a lawyer who finds himself at a crossroads between the man he has become and the man he wants to be... even if that means being a prophet. Executive Producer Marc Guggenheim will be on hand to discuss the series which stars Jonny Lee Miller, Victor Garber, Natasha Henstridge, Loretta Devine, Sam Jaeger, James Saito, Matt Letscher and Julie Gonzalo.

Venture Bros.

Join Jackson Publick, Doc Hammer, Mike Sinterniklaas, and James Urbaniak for a trip inside Astrobase Go and a look at the upcoming third season of The Venture Bros!

Scott McCloud and Doug Rushkoff

Join Scott McCloud and Douglas Rushkoff for an hour of debate, theory and commentary on the state of the industry.

Lionsgate Films presents - WILL EISNER'S THE SPIRIT

Lionsgate and Odd Lot Entertainment present an exclusive first look at THE SPIRIT, based on the classic comic book series by Will Eisner, featuring the world premiere of the film's teaser trailer. Writer-director Frank Miller and actress Eva Mendes will be on hand to speak about their involvement in the upcoming major motion picture, along with the film's producers, Odd Lot Entertainment co-CEO Deborah Del Prete and Michael Uslan. The panel will be moderated by MTV News Correspondent Kurt Loder.

DEVIL'S DUE AND DIVIDE PICTURES PRESENT: MILO VENTIMIGLIA AND RUSS CUNDIFF

HEROES star Milo Ventimiglia and his Divide Pictures partner Russ Cundiff announce a huge new project with Devil's Due Publishing. Devil's Due President and founder Josh Blaylock accompanies the pair to talk about this surprise landmark event. Artist and HACK/SLASH writer Tim Seeley also joins the panel to discuss Devil's Due's landmark year, including the launch of HALLOWEEN: NIGHTDANCE, SPOOKS, and the

DEVIL'S DUE POP line of vinyl toys and useable artwork.

Marc Guggenheim Spotlight

A life-long comic fan, Marc Guggenheim has been writing comics professionally since 2005, beginning with a two-issue stint on DC's Aquaman and then Marvel's Wolverine. He's current writing duties include THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN and YOUNG X-MEN. A native of Long Island, Marc originally practiced law at one of Boston's most prestigious firms before leaving to pursue his dream of writing professionally. He's written on The Practice, Law & Order, CSI: Miami, Jack & Bobby and now co-creator of the ABC series Eli Stone.

Adult Swim Presents: Robot Chicken: Star Wars

Seth Green and Matthew Senrich just wrapped season 3 production on "Robot Chicken," the Emmy-nominated hit stop-motion animated show they created for Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. The duo also executive produce/direct/write (with Green doing 35 - 60 voices each week). The duo behind the wild spoof "Robot Chicken: Star Wars", which is due out the May are here at NYCC! May the force be with us all!

Our Gods Wear Spandex: The Secret History of Comic Book Heroes

Was Superman's arch nemesis Lex Luthor based on Aleister Crowley? Can Captain Marvel be linked to the Sun gods of antiquity? In Our Gods Wear Spandex, A. David Lewis moderates a panel with author Christopher Knowles, Danny Fingeroth and Douglas Rushkoff to find answers to these questions and bring to light many other intriguing links between superheroes and the enchanted world of esoterica. This discussion makes never allow you to read a comic the same way again!

Shin Chan: Behind the Scenes

Shin Chan? Every pondered who's responsible? Well, now you can shake their hands. FUNimation's here with the voices of your favorite dysfunctional family to give you an inside look at this madness.

Gravitation

High school senior Shuichi Shindou dreams that his garage band Bad Luck will propel him to stardom. When novelist Eiri Yuki dismisses Shuichi's lyrics as trash, the teenage rocker is crushed -- and develops a crush. (Right Stuf)

Gaia Online

Come meet Gaia's founders and staff and get a sneak peek at upcoming features, games, and events. Stick around for the open-mic Q&A session and a special raffle!

BOOM! Studios Panel

The BOOM! Studios team—Mark Waid, Ross Richie, Michael Alan Nelson and Chip Mosher, take to the stage for a full hour. Surprise announcements will be made. BOOM! Studios promises to make your head explode!

The Girl Who Leapt Through Time

When high school student Makoto Konno gains the power to (literally) leap back and forth through time, she uses the ability to make her life a little bit more comfortable, yet when she realizes her power is limited and there are unexpected consequences from her each and every leap, she strives to make the world right before her ability runs out. (Bandai Entertainment)

Joe Kubert Tribute

A parade of creators come together to honor a legend

QuickStop Entertainment

Join us for an exclusive preview of Kevin Smith's upcoming ZACK & MIRI MAKE A PORNO, starring Seth Rogen & Elizabeth Banks, as well as a few additional surprises sure to wow you, straight from the fine folks at QuickStopEntertainment.com. If that weren't enough, we'll also be featuring a live performance from cyber-troubadours Jonathan Coulton and Paul & Storm.

Marvel - Cup O' Joe

Join the EEK himself, Joe Quesada, as he unveils what's in store for all your favorite Marvel characters & creators, makes some surprising announcements, and takes on any and all questions!! As always, this is

the one, no-holds barred panel that everyone's gonna be talking about, and the one panel you don't want to miss!!!

The ReBoot Panel with Gavin Blair and Dan DiDio

ReBoot was the first CG animated series on television. And now, it's making a comeback. For the first time in America, ReBoot Co-Creator and head writer, Gavin Blair joins former ReBoot writer and current DC Executive, Dan DiDio to discuss the making of the ground breaking animation series. Gavin has some great stories to share about the formative years of CG animation. He will also share his thoughts about the new ReBoot 'revival'. A must attend for all fans of ReBoot and animation!

Lucky Star and CODE GEASS: Behind the Scenes

Bandai Entertainment tells all! Get the inside dirt on Lucky Star and CODE GEASS, the most anticipated anime series coming to America in 2008. Are they worth the hype? Absolutely!

Funky Forest

Three of Japan's most free-thinking directors team up to present this unpredictable cosmic masterpiece. What starts as a trio of unpopular brothers trying to again the attention of a lady -- any lady -- at a leisurely picnic explodes into a surreal trek melding together science fiction, comedy, drama, dancing, and a lot of nonsense. (VIZ Pictures)

WildStorm: Revelations Revealed!

Get the inside scoop on what's upcoming from DC's wildest imprints from WS VP Hank Kanalz, and WS Editor Ben Abernathy, as they are joined by Scott Beatty (WildStorm: Revelations), Leandro Fenandez (Stormwatch PHD: Armageddon), Keith Giffen (DC/WildStorm: Dreamwar), Christos Gage (WildStorm: Revelations), B. Clay Moore (Casey Blue: Beyond Tomorrow), Walter Simonson (World of Warcraft), Joel Gomez (Lost Boys: Reign of Frogs), and of course, superstar artist Jim Lee, Editorial Director—WildStorm. The Armageddon has come and gone, but in its wake are untold REVELATIONS that will affect your favorite WildStorm teams.

Warcraft Legends and StarCraft Frontline

Warcraft and Starcraft are two of the world's most influential video game

sagas, and they've expanded beyond the video screen with exciting new projects from TOKYOPOP! Learn the latest right here as we discuss new project development under wraps and break out a huge industry. Exclusive Announcement only at NY Comic Con! NY Times Best Selling author Richard Knaak (also a writer for BLIZZARD Entertainment) will be a guest panelist to clue you on all the details!

DARK HORSE COMICS

Dark Horse Comics— Please join Dark Horse editor Shawna Gore and publicist Jeremy Atkins, as well as surprise creators and other guests, for a peek into Dark Horse's future as the maverick publisher enters its 22nd year on the cutting edge.

Cosplay and Costuming Essentials

Anna Fischer, one of the America's leading cosplay photographers, and a panel of New York's most impressive cosplayers reveal some tips and tricks sure to help anyone wanting to improve their costuming skills.

Giant Robot Rumble

Remember when you were in elementary school and you argued with your friends about whether Voltron or Optimus Prime would win in a fight? Well, the fight's not over yet! Prepare for the ultimate in nerdy panels as Robotech's Steve Yun hosts a tournament where panelists and attendees argue and vote over which robots would come up tops in the Giant Robot Rumble. Sixteen robots enter the arena, but only one leaves...

Sneak Preview of Starship Troopers : Marauder

The bugs are back! Writer/director Ed Neumeier (Robocop), Casper Van Dien (Starship Troopers) and Jolene Blalock (Star Trek Enterprise) host the world premiere of the trailer from the action-packed continuation of the Starship Troopers franchise, coming this summer from Sony Pictures Home Entertainment!

Spotlight on Gail Simone

Known for her quirky characters and dialog, she is the critically acclaimed, multiple award-winning writer of such works as Deadpool, Agent X, Simspoons Comics, Action Comics, Welcome to Tranquility,

Gen13, Villains United, Secret Six, and many others, as well as a lengthy run on the fan favorite Birds Of Prey. Currently, she is taking the reins of the Wonder Woman comic as the book's first permanent, ongoing female writer. Ladies and Gentlemen....Gail Simone!

CMX: Manga for the Masses

Join VP Hank Kanalz as he discusses the brilliance of the manga universe. Talk about such books as Crayon Shinchan, Densha Otoko, Emma, Gon, Mega Tokyo, Two Flowers for the Dragon and Zombie Fairy.

AVP- REQUIEM

Alien vs. Predator is the ultimate crossover and crossback story in the film, video game and comic book worlds. Come join ALEC GILLIS and TOM WOODRUFF, the creature creators behind the latest installment of the AVP saga - AVP: REQUIEM - and get the exclusive scoop on the secrets behind the making of the film.

Comics Experience: The Art of Storytelling

The greatest Comic book minds of our time divulge the greatest secrets of all time. Join our featured panelists for the top tips for telling a clear and great story in comics. These insights are not to be missed. How can any comic artist—or fan— afford to miss this panel? Presented by Comics Experience's Andy Schmidt.

Gundam SEED

When the orbital colony of Heliopolis is attacked by a ZAFT commando unit, unlikely hero Kira Yamato boards an experimental humanoid weapon to defend himself and everyone he cares for. But to save his loved ones, his childhood will be washed away forever. Featuring a theme by T.M.Revolution. (Bandai Entertainment)

ItsJustSomeRandomGuy with a BRAND NEW EPISODE

All the way from YouTube.com, New York Comic Con is pleased to present the latest hilarious installment from the creative mind who brought you "Hi, I'm a DC. And I'm a Marvel."

Bill Plympton Goes to the Dark Side

Come meet animator Bill Plympton and catch a sneak peek of his brand

new feature "Idiots and Angels". Also screening will be his recent short "Shuteye Hotel", a cartoon-noir murder mystery. Bill will talk about his career as an independent filmmaker and how he makes a living creating short films, and answer questions from the audience. All attendees will get a free Bill Plympton drawing!

T.M.Revolution Concert

T.M.Revolution, a powerful voice in the Japanese musical world, is known around the world for "INVOKE," the theme song to the anime series Gundam SEED, "Ignited," the theme to its sequel, Gundam SEED Destiny, and "Heart of Sword," the ending theme to the anime Rurouni Kenshin. New York Comic Con is proud to play host to T.M.Revolution's first concert in the United States since 2004 -- and first ever in New York City. T.M.Revolution's concert takes place at 9 PM on Saturday, April 19th in New York Comic Con's 3,000-seat IGN Theater.

April 20 Panels

The Spiderwick Chronicles Meets Goose Girl - in Graphic Novel Format!

Best-selling YA authors Holly Black (SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES) and Shannon Hale (GOOSE GIRL) step into the author spotlight for a Sunday Conversation about their forthcoming graphic novel.

Amelia Rules! The Musical

"Enjoy a screening of scenes from the show and find out how this best-selling kids' comic went from the page to the stage. Featuring Amelia Rules! cartoonist Jimmy Gownley and composer Michael Cohen."

Sunday Conversation with Dan DiDio

Dan DiDio and friends invite you to join an intimate Sunday afternoon chat to talk about your favorite comic book memories and about why we love this medium. All are welcome; no RSVP required!

The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya

Haruhi Suzumiya is a normal girl who dreams of having adventures with aliens, zombies, robots, and wizards and puts a plan into action to make

her dream come true. Can any of these things possibly be real? Haruhi Suzumiya is the biggest anime phenomenon since Evangelion. Find out what all the madness is about right here! (Bandai Entertainment)

FLIGHT Explorer - A Conversation with Kazu Kibuishi and Creators

Flight Explorer, a spin-off of the award-winning Flight graphic novel anthology series, features fun characters and stories that appeal to young readers and parents who want to introduce their children to graphic novels. Join Flight and Flight Explorer editor Kazu Kibuishi and Flight contributors Amy Kim Ganter, Phil Craven, Jake Parker, Kean Soo, and Dave Roman for their take on the amazing world of Flight Explorer and all ages comics!

MoCCA Presents - Mo Willems Spotlight

After graduating from New York University's Tisch School for the Arts, Mo Willems spent a year traveling around the world drawing a cartoon every day, all of which have been published in the book You Can Never Find a Rickshaw When it Monsoons. Returning to New York, he went on to write Emmy Award-winning scripts for Sesame Street. He later created two animated television series, The Off-Beats and Sheep in the Big City. Willems then worked as head writer on Cartoon Network's Codename: Kids Next Door. He has authored several books for young children, three of which (Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!, Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale, and Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity) were awarded a Caldecott Honor. Join him for a special hour of readings, discussions and more!

Gears of War 2

Gears of War took the Xbox by storm. Now, Gears of War 2 is poised to be an even bigger hit. Learn about the saga's origins and future from Michael Capps, President of Epic, and Josh Ortega, the writer of Gears of War 2

Stan Lee Presents - ELECTION DAZE

Stan Lee and publisher, Tom Filsinger, will talk about the making of Stan's new book of political humor, "Election Daze." Stan will also look back at his humor work with Marvel. Plus, the finals of the wild "Election Daze"

MySpace Caption Contest with the winner determined by the audience!

Activision

Activision's produced some of the world's most beloved games. They're at NYCC to show off their upcoming titles and maybe even reveal something new.

EvE Online and World of Darkness

EvE Online and World of Darkness are stunning experiences, and not the team behind both will spill all their secrets.

Nick Mag Presents...Gag Cartoons & Funny Drawings

Nickelodeon Magazine editor. Chris Duffy walks you through the stages of making hilarious cartoon drawings. Learn tips for brainstorming ideas, drawing funny scenes and coming up with the clever captions guaranteed to make your friends shoot milk through their nose. Featuring gag cartoonists: Karen Sneider, Gary Fields, Alec Longstreth and Nick Mag editor, Chris Duffy.

Cartoon Animals

How to create lovable, funny characters with wide appeal with Harold Buchholz.

Where to Buy Comics in NYC

From Uptown to Downtown to the Five Boroughs, join your fellow comic fans for a discussion about the best (and worst!) places in the city to get your fix!

How to Draw Manga

Magic, sparkly eyes, and pointy chins feature largely in this fun drawing workshop.

Give it Some Color!

It's not done yet! Learn how to make your work leap off the page with this exciting coloring workshop taught by Rob Taylor! For ages 6 and up.

Growing Up with Archie

Join the creative staff who will share inside perspectives on the creation of Archie, how Archie Comics has evolved, why it dominates the newsstands and the super markets in comic sales. Panelists include: Michael Silberkleit, Chairman/Publisher; Victor Gorelick, Editor-in-Chief (his 50th year with Archie Comics); Fred Mausser, VP Sales; Mike Pellerito, Managing Editor, Dan Parent, Betty & Veronica writer and artist, Barbara Slate, Betty & Veronica writer, Fernando Ruiz, Tales from Riverdale writer and artist, Andrew Pepoy, Katy Keene writer and artist, Alex Simmons, Archie & Friends writer and rising new Archie Comics writer Misako Takashima. The panel will be moderated by Rik Offenberger, Public Relations Coordinator.

STICKY PAGES: NEW YORK COMIC CON SUPER-QUEERO EDITION!

Come join our party as the Super-Queeroes of the comics world talk about what's good, bad and ugly in the industry today. Watch in terror as they pull questions from the doggy-bag of doom, dish about what heroine is sleeping with what super-villainess, and generally disturb the public peace. Featuring a visit from Special Guest CAPTAIN CONDOM! And of course, a super-duper big-shot guest you'll never ever believe! Featuring: Jennifer Camper (Juicy Mother 1 & 2, Dangerous Women), Ivan Velez (Ghost Rider, Static, Blood Syndicate, Tales Of The Closet and Dead High Yearbook), Ariel Shrag (AWKWQARD, POTENTIAL), Abby Denson (Tough Love), Joan Hilty (DC COMICS, Bitter Girl), Allan Neuwirth & Glenn Hanson (Chelsea Boyz), Jose Villarubia (VOICE OF THE FIRE, MIRROR OF LOVE, Marvel Comics, Vertigo), and more!

Disguised as Clark Kent

Is the mighty Thor Jewish? Danny Fingerth, longtime Spider-Man editor and author of Superman on the Couch, discusses his new book, DISGUISED AS CLARK KENT, which explores how the Jewish backgrounds of the creators of the best-known superheroes helped make them our most familiar pop culture icons. Fingerth, Arie Kaplan (Masters of the Comic Book Universe Revealed), and others discuss Jerry Siegel & Joe Shuster (Superman), Stan Lee & Jack Kirby (X-Men), and Will Eisner (The Spirit).

Amuri in Star Ocean

In 2012, a great solar wind poured down on the Earth, devastating humanity. To prevent this cataclysm from ever returning, a solar station was built as a shield, but when an unknown entity plots to demolish the station and destroy humanity, the fate of the entire world lies within three girls. (NEW YORK-TOKYO)

Masters Of Mischief: Nicktoons Network's Edgar & Ellen

Get an insider's look at the series and its' origins. Join Co-Creator/ Development Leader Sara Berliner (Star Farm Productions), Co-Creator/ Art Lead/ Illustrator Rick Carton (Star Farm Productions) and Television Series Lead Writer Billy Carton (Star Farm Productions) as they lead you on a journey from the beginnings of Edgar & Ellen through the famous book series and into the series on Nicktoons Network. Don't miss this panel full of behind the scenes information, audience participation and there may even be some cool prizes!

Marvel - Prize No Prize

The hit of the con season returns again to NYCC! Think you know Marvel Comics? Want to prove it and win cool prizes? Join Marvel's Tom Brevoort and your fellow Marvel zombies for a rousing round of trivia and fun! Who will be the last hero standing? It could be you, but only if you're here!

Kirby: King of Comics

Kirby: King of Comics— Author Mark Evanier talks about his new book, Kirby: King of Comics, celebrating the life and art of one of comics' most legendary creators, Jack Kirby. Joining Mark to discuss the Kirby influence and legacy are some amazing names!

FINAL CRISIS - Grant Morrison

The Countdown is over and a Final Crisis looms. Only one man has the answers to this Universe changing event, and we've got him live for the hour! Join Grant Morrison, JG Jones and other special guests for this insider's look at the year's biggest event!

Getting a Job in the Video Game Industr

Like video games? Think you've got what it takes to do it for a living? Well, find out if you've got the chops right here.

Warhammer Online

War is everywhere! Warhammer Online is the upcoming MMO Game based on the classic Games Workshop fantasy world. The game is set to launch sometime later this year. Paul Barnett will be on hand to discuss Warhammer Online with fans. The game will show footage and possibly trailers. Paul will be available for fan questions.

Comic s Workshop 1: Drawing (Advanced)

This 90-minute workshop about drawing is for high school students, with Warren Pleace, artist on HELLBLAZER, THE INVISIBLES and LIFE SUCKS.

Where the Action Is

Learn to draw wild locations and moody settings. James Sherman, artist for comics, film story boards, toy designs and more will show advanced art students how to put flash, style and atmosphere in their scenery and backgrounds. For Kids ages 6 and up.

Comics 101 for Parents

So you're at the New York Comic Con, but you're not 100% convinced that comics are for you and your kids. Our panel of experts proves unequivocally that comics are really AWESOME!

Sci-Tech Heroes

This workshop explores the exciting and organic connections between science, technology and comics. Attendees will participate in a lively discussion and interactive quiz on the subject. Then, addressing a specific theme and disaster, they will create their own comic book heroes and villains based in scientific and technological principles. Lead by professional writer and teaching artists, Alex Simmons (Blackjack, Scooby Doo, Batman, and Archie & Friends.) For Ages 6 and up.

Understanding Manga and More: A Parents' Primer on Trends in

Teen Graphic Novels

What comics should parents buy for their teenagers?

How to Draw Superheroes

Capes, muscles, and superpowers ahoy!

New Line Cinema presents – HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY

Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay marks the triumphant return of the original and outrageous anti-heroes we first met on the road to WHITE CASTLE. The movie reunites John Cho and Kal Penn Kumar as accused terrorists as we follow them on an epic journey of deep thoughts, deeper inhaling, and a wild trip around the world as they try to prove their innocence. The film features a supporting cast that includes Rob Corrdry (“The Daily Show”), Roger Bart (American Gangster), and Neil Patrick Harris (“How I Met Your Mother”). It is scheduled for an April 25, 2008 release. New Line Cinema will show exclusive footage from the film and John Cho, Kal Penn, and Neil Patrick Harris, along with writers and directors Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg, will be there to discuss the film.

Gaia Gathering

Spend some time with Gaia Online team for a fun, informal hour that is anything but a traditional balloon. Balloons? Games? Nerf guns? There’s no telling what’s in store when you attend a Gaia Gathering!

Let the Magic Begin - Fantasy in Comics: Creating Alternate Worlds

The world of fantasy comics is truly magical. Join Mark Smylie, James Barry, David Peterson and Ted Naifeh for a discussion about the original worlds that are just a few page flips away! Moderated by Liz Gorinsky

TwoMorrows Presents

TwoMorrows will present a very special celebration of the art and history of Comics in this presentation led by publisher John Morrow, with Danny Fingerroth, Bob McLeod and more!

Witchblade

Masane Amaha is a woman on the fringe of society, but her destiny was written in ages past. She has been chosen to wield the Witchblade, a relic of raw power capable of conquering armies. Can she control it, or will the Witchblade consume her? (FUNimation)

Robotech: Free For All!

Do you have questions about the past, present, or future of Robotech? This is your chance to get them answered! The Robotech crew is here to listen to your voice and shed light into the nitty gritty of Veritech and Shadow Technology!

Yen Press: Top Secret!

Yen Press has a secret? What is it? Even we don’t know. Be the very first to find out here!

Gundam SEED Destiny

Two years after the events of Gundam SEED, there’s an uneasy peace between Earth and the Colonies, a peace daily threatened by sects, factions, and generals all vying for power. The man holding back the tide of war is Shin Asuka, pilot of humanity’s most advanced Mobile Suit. Featuring a theme by T.M.Revolution! (Bandai Entertainment)

First Look at Nickelodeon’s The Mighty B!

Get a sneak peek at The Mighty B!, a brand-new Nicktoon starring Bessie Higgenbottom (voiced by SNL’s Amy Poehler), the world’s most ambitious and lovably-unhinged Honeybee. Join Co-Creators Cynthia True (The Fairly OddParents) and Erik Wiese (SpongeBob SquarePants) as they present a behind-the-scenes look at what to expect in the first season, including an exclusive screening before the series premiere. Moderated by Roland Poindexter, Vice President, Nickelodeon Original Programming, Animation.

MARVEL - Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk: Making the Video Games

This summer, Iron Man and the Incredible Hulk aren’t just amazing audiences at a theater near you – thanks to Sega, they’re also starring

in two of the season's hottest videogames. Join Marvel's Vice President of Interactive, Justin Lambros, as he leads a discussion with the talented developers behind the game adaptations of Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk. Through never-before-seen footage, see first hand what it takes to adapt a blockbuster movie into something for gamers everywhere. A Q&A session will follow.

Dungeons and Dragons and Lord of the Rings Online

Craig Alexander is a true veteran of the video game industry. He is now the studio head of Turbine in Boston and has been working on Lord of the Rings Online for some time. Craig will be on hand to discuss Lord of the Rings Online and Dungeons & Dragons Online with fans. As well as give players an insight into Turbine's future plans.

Turn Your Life into a Comic!

Learn how to write comics autobiography, with Raina Telgemeier (The Baby-Sitters Club) and Marion Vitus. (for ages 12 and up)

Comics Workshop

Join Jessica Abel and Matt Madden as they explain the process of making comics, moving from an idea to a finished piece! For high school students and adults.

New Line Cinema presents – JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH 3D

Based on the classic Jules Verne novel "Journey to the Center of the Earth," Journey 3-D, the first live action digital 3-D movie, is an exhilarating adventure starring Brendan Fraser as a science professor whose untraditional hypotheses have made him the laughing stock of the academic community. On an expedition in Iceland, he and his nephew stumble upon a major discovery that launches them on a thrilling journey deep beneath the Earth's surface where they travel through never-before-seen worlds and encounter a variety of unusual creatures. Journey 3-D is directed by Academy Award-winning visual effect veteran Eric Brevig (Total Recall, Pearl Harbor.) The film which is a co-venture between New Line Cinema and Walden Media is scheduled to be released on July 11, 2008. New Line Cinema will show EXCLUSIVE footage, and star, Brendan

Fraser, along with director, Eric Brevig, and producer, Charlotte Huggins, will be there to discuss the film!

Comics Workshop 2: Storytelling (Advanced)

A 90-minute workshop about Storytelling for high school students with First Second Editorial Director Mark Siegel.

Comics for Girls

This panel will answer all the questions you've ever had about finding the perfect comics for girls. Join Barbara Slate (Angel Love, Archie, Barbie), Mike Pellerito (Archie), Allison Barrows (Pre-Teena, Goofyfoot Gurl), Jimmy Gownley (Amelia Rules), Buzz Dixon & Marlon Schulman from RealBuzz Studios (Serenity, Goofyfoot Gurl), Raina Telgemeier (The Babysitters Club) and moderated by Christine Norrie.

MoCCA Presents: The Mighty Marvel Kids Panel!

Join Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art Trustee and writer Fred Van Lente (Wolverine: First Class, Power Pack, Marvel Adventures) in a roundtable discussion with Nathan Cosby (editor of Power Pack, Marvel Adventures, Franklin Richards, Spider-Man Family, X-Men: First Class and Wolverine: First Class) and writer/artists Chris Giarrusso (Mini-Marvels) and Chris Eliopoulos (Franklin Richards: Son of a Genius) about Marvel's acclaimed all-ages line of titles. What are the challenges and rewards of bringing the Marvel Universe to a younger generation of readers? Find out here, with surprise guests, audience Q&A, and more!

The Creation of TOON BOOKS: Beginning Reader Comics

Françoise Mouly, New Yorker art editor and wife of acclaimed cartoonist Art Spiegelman, is at it again. After transforming American comics with the seminal 1980s comics anthology RAW, Mouly is now out to teach kids to read by using comics. We invite kids of all ages to come learn why TOON BOOKS is bringing new readers to the pleasure of comics!

Dragon Ball Z Top 3

Dragon Ball Z has been called the best action cartoon of all time. But what's the best of the best? Watch the show's top three episodes -- as voted by fans! (FUNimation)

TOKYOPOP

TOKYOPOP reps give you the inside scoop and sizzle behind the company's walls. Get exclusive news and details on upcoming projects for 2008 and beyond. TOKYOPOP continues to lead the manga revolution!

FREEDOM

In the 23rd century, mankind has fled Earth and emigrated to the moon. The last outpost of civilization is the Lunar Republic of Eden, where the omnipresent Citizens Administration Council grants residents everything they need... except their freedom. His mandatory education complete, 15-year-old Takeru is about to enter a six-month period of freedom while the Council determines his social status. But is six months enough for Takeru, or does he dream of a future he creates? (Bandai Visual)

First Look at Nicktoons Network's Speed Racer: The Next Generation

Get a sneak peek of Speed Racer: The Next Generation, a brand-new series that builds on the legendary adventures of the original iconic series. Join Executive Producers Ken Katsumoto (Lionsgate) and Jim Rocknowski (Speed Racer Enterprises) and some key members of the cast and design crew as they present a behind-the-scenes look at what to expect in this amazing new series, including a historical look at the evolution of this new series, the design perspective from the original cars and characters to the amazing style of today and an exclusive screening before the series premiere.

Writing for Video Games

Video games -- just like comics, television, and movies -- have scripts, and it's someone's job to write 'em. What's it like to write video games? How's it differ from television and film script writing? We'll reveal all!

Age of Conan Online

Age of Conan is an online game set to launch within the next few months. The game is based on Robert E. Howard's popular Conan characters and his vision of the ancient and savage Hyborian world. Jason Stone will be on hand to talk about Age of Conan with fans. The game will show

footage and trailers. Jason will answer fan questions.

Create Your Own Superhero

A step-by-step guide to original superhero cartooning with John Gallagher. For kids age 4 and up.

Turn Your Story Idea Into a Graphic Novel

How do you transform a purely text piece into a comic?

MoCCA Presents: A Mini-Comics Workshop

Mini-comics -- small, photocopied, comics works -- are gaining popularity as a cheap and simple way to tell stories and make beautiful artwork. In this workshop, you'll learn how to make a mini-comic from start to finish.

IGOR - A Sneak Preview and Discussion

This animated take on the classic character Igor (voiced by John Cusack) is a humorous tale of his dreams of winning first place at the annual Evil Science Fair. Join the cast and creators for an Sneak Preview of this new animated tale from The Weinstein Company.

How I Got My Job

Freelance! Staff! Freelance! Staff! Find out which one is better in this provocative discussion with currently employed comic talents, moderated by Marvel's CB Cebulski.

Arf! Arf! Contemporary Cartoonist Give Old Skool Comics Love!

The Arf book series features amazing old-skool comics and cartoonists. Craig Yoe, the editor of the series whose fourth volume, "Comic Arf", debuts at the con will host a panel with contemporary artists who are participating in the recent volume talking about how past cartoonists have inspired them. A fascinating visual slide show will accompany the discussion.

Realbuzz Studios Presents 2008-2009

Realbuzz Studios is the resoinized industry standsard in the field of inspirational manga, a publishing category they created in 2005 with the launch of SERENITY, their first hit graphic novel series. Come and

hear about the creation of SERENITY as well as the critically acclaimed GOOFYFOOT GURL surfing series published through Thomas Nelson, their upcoming sci-fi epic COUPLERS - A SPACE OPERA, and lots of exciting new projects for 2009 and beyond! Join Buzz Dixon, president and co-founder of Realbuzz Studios, Min Kwon, primary artist on SERENITY, Allison Barrows, sriptor on GOOFYFOOT GURL, Romas Kukalis, additional art on SERENITY and art design for LEGIA and Alana Yuen, additional art on SERENITY and COUPLERS and art design on LEGIA for the hour.

Gunbuster

A.D. 2015: The Luxion fleet, commanded by Noriko Takaya's father, is annihilated by an assault from Space Monsters while navigating the constellation Cygnus. Six years later, Noriko has become a first-year student at the Okinawa Girls' Space Pilot High School, training to follow her father's trail to the stars. One of the all time classics from Japan! (Bandai Visual)

Geek Love

We've all heard the stereotypes surrounding geeks, but how much is really true? Come to "Geek Love" to discuss the geek as seen in pop culture and debunk the idea that geeks of all persuasions are girlfriendless and anti-social. We have great relationships, enduring friendships, and even go out on Friday nights!

Nick Mag Presents... 3-D Comic Carousel

A series of cartoon slide shows presented by an array of comic strip makers, performers, and other characters. Plenty of gags, goofiness, audience participation and 3-D action! Definitely for kids and alternative-comics-loving adults. Featuring R. Sikoryak, Kim Deitch, Michael Kupperman and Nick Mag editors, Chris Duffy and Dave Roman.

Dragon Ball Z: Behind the Scenes

FUNimation's here with the voices of your favorite Saiyans to give you an inside look at the best action cartoon of all time!

Video Game Journalism

Think making a living talking about video games is easy? You'd be

surprised. Some of America's most respected video game journalists tell it like it is.

Starting a Video Game Company: Year One

When creative visionaries Todd McFarlane (Spawn), R.A. Salvatore (Drizzt Do'Urden), and Curt Schilling (Boston Red Sox) started 38 Studios in Boston in 2006, they had a plan for "World Domination Though Gaming." But what does it take to bring an entire world to life? Join panelists from the 38 Studios creative team, including videotaped virtual panelists R. A. Salvatore and Todd McFarlane, as they discuss the unique challenges faced in the company's first year of development of an OEE™, the next generation of fantasy MMO gaming. Panelists include: Steve Danuser, Brian Labore, Jeff Murchie, and Scott Cuthbertson .

Comics Workshop 3: The Final Product (Advanced)

A 90-minute workshop about combining art and story into a final comic -- and what to do with your comic after that! Presented by Nick Bertozzi. (for high school students)

Self-Publishing Your Work

How can you get started without a publisher?

MoCCA presents: Webcomics 101

A workshop and discussion on how to open, write and publish your own webcomic with webcomics creator and MoCCA curator Jennifer M. Babcock. (For Teens)

Superhero - An Exclusive Sneak Preview

Les Franken (Michael Rapaport) leads a painfully unremarkable life until he enrolls in a drug study for an experimental anti-depressant. An unexpected side effect of the drug convinces Les he is developing special powers and must quit his job to answer his new calling in life... Superhero. From Magnolia Pictures.

MMO Industry Round Table

Jason Stone, Paul Barnett, Craig Alexander, Scott Cuthbertson and others will take part in a panel to discuss the Online Game Market. The future of



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2008 PANEL SESSIONS

MMOs and answer fan questions about games and culture. If you are an online game fan you do not want to miss this panel!

Oni Press

Join the talented staff of Oni Press to hear what they have in store for the 2008-2009 season.

