

THE HEART, SHE HOLLER

In just 30(ish) measly days Halo turns ten years old! Join Alison Stroll, Doug Hebenthal, Dan Ayoub, Kevin Grace, and others from 343 Industries discussing where Halo has been and where it is going. Speaker(s): Alison Stroll, Dan Ayoub, Doug Hebenthal and Kevin Grace.

HALO: ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION

Come for a screening of The Ambiguously Gay Duo, Harvey Birdman: Attorney at Law, Captain Linger, Tek Jansen, Red Defender, The X-Presidents, and Hete-Roy ! Some of today's most "alternative" superheroes have been created by this small but highly visible animation studio in White Plains, NY, original home also of MTV's groundbreaking and returning Beavis and Butt-Head ! J.J. will be there to introduce the program and take questions following the presentation! Speaker(s): J.J. Sedelmaier

THE SUPERHEROES OF J.J. SEDELMAIER PRODUCTIONS!

Join Hasbro for fun-filled looks at some of their most popular brands including TRANSFORMERS!

HASBRO

Join members of Hasbro's STAR WARS Marketing and Design team as they discuss current and upcoming toys and action figures and reveal some never before seen upcoming figures!

HASBRO STAR WARS ACTION FIGURE PANEL

Join the creative team from Hasbro Studios as they take an in-depth look at Transformers Prime, the popular CGI animated series currently airing on The Hub television network!

HASBRO: TRANSFORMERS PRIME

Join members of Hasbro's MARVEL Marketing and Design team as they discuss current and upcoming toys and action figures!

HASBRO: MARVEL ACTION FIGURES

Join members of Hasbro's TRANSFORMERS team as they discuss many aspects of the massive "More Than Meets the Eye" pop-culture brand including action figures, video-games, television series, theme park rides and more!

HASBRO: TRANSFORMERS

Toshihiro Fukuoka and Masataka P discuss digital idol Hatsune Miku's character, songs, and music videos. Did you know pop music is not the only music Hatsune Miku sings? Yup, she can sing folk songs, jazz, classical melodies, and more. We'll introduce you to a new world of Miku music. In the second half of the panel, famous Miku Miku Dance creator Masataka P will show his latest MMD animation. We hope you'll enjoy Hatsune Miku's charm! Speaker(s): Masataka P and Toshihiro Fukuoka

HATSUNE MIKU: BEYOND THE CHARACTER

Find out all about the Hero Initiative, the only federally chartered charity dedicated to helping comic creators in medical or financial need. Hero has paid back rent when creators are literally 24 hours from eviction, paid to keep the heat on in the winter, and covered the cost of crucial medication and treatment that frequently meant the difference between life and death. Hero Initiative President Jim McLaughlin is joined by Hero beneficiaries Ralph Reese (House of Secrets), Chris Ivy (Moon Knight), and Robert Washington (Static), who will tell their own personal stories about how Hero has changed THEIR lives...for the better. Speaker(s): Chris Ivy, Jim McLaughlin, Ralph Reese and Robert Washington

HERO INITIATIVE

Join creators and executive producers Christy Karacas and Stephen Warbrick with Jackson Publick and Janine DiTullio as they discuss their Adult Swim series Superjail! and preview never-before-seen footage! Speaker(s): Christy Karacas, Jackson Publick, Janine DiTullio and Stephen Warbrick

SUPERJAIL!

Views of world history in comics run from the imaginary to the tightly researched. They can inform and shed light on little known heroes and villains. Join Ben McCool (Nevsky), Fred Van Lente (Action Philosophers), Francesco Francavilla (The Black Coat) and more as they discuss the ins and out of making real life characters come alive on the comics page -- and having a blast while doing it. The panel will include a sneak peak at next year's Nevsky graphic novel with never before seen artwork. Speaker(s): Ben McCool, Francesco Francavilla and Fred Van Lente

THE COMICS HISTORY OF THE WORLD

Follow along on a webcomic's long odyssey as it goes from its home on the internet to a publisher, a warehouse, and finally into the hands of its loving fans with expert tour guides Zach Weiner (SMBC) and representatives from Breadpig Publishing and Amplifier Fulfillment.

HOW THE WEBCOMIC PUBLISHING SAUSAGE GETS MADE

Ichigo Pantsu ("ichiP!"), a three-member troupe from right here in New York, will perform a variety of anime, para-para, and pop dances for you this weekend. Don't miss it! Speaker(s): Erica Perez, Laura Kovalcin and Venus Carey

ICHIPI!: SHOW US YOUR MOVES!

The most talked-about pilot not on the Fall schedule was the Fox production of Locke & Key. After a smash-hit screening at San Diego Comic-Con that fans are still talking about, it's coming to the east coast for a one-time only screening! Come watch the special filmed adaptation of "Welcome to Lovecraft" and see the Eisner-winning comic brought to life! Introduction by IDW CEO & Publisher, Ted Adams.

LOCKE & KEY FOX PILOT SCREENING

IFC's hit comedy series, PORTLANDIA and THE INCREASINGLY POOR DECISIONS OF TODD MARGARET make their New York Comic Con debut with two special back-to-back panels. Join star David Cross (Arrested

Development, Mr.Show) from The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret and Portlandia stars Fred Armisen (Saturday Night Live), Carrie Brownstein (Sleater Kinney) and Jonathan Krisel for two separate panels, Q&A and sneak peeks at the new seasons coming in January 2012. The Portlandia panel will be moderated by actor and comedian Seth Meyers (Saturday Night Live) and The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret panel will be moderated by actor and comedian H.Jon Benjamin (Archer, Jon Benjamin Has a Van). Speaker(s): Carrie Brownstein, David Cross, Fred Armisen, H.Jon Benjamin, Jonathan Krisel and Seth Meyers

IFC'S PORTLANDIA AND THE INCREASINGLY POOR DECISIONS OF TODD MARGARET

Two of IGN.com's powerhouse productions are about to make sweet love on the New York Comic-Con stage, and you're invited to be part of it. Podcast Beyond (the Number 1 PlayStation Podcast in terms of volume and listeners) and Free Sh1t (the game show that just gives you stuff and makes excellent use of a green screen) are coming together for one night only. Win T-shirts, DVDs and games from the socially awkward Chris. Hear He Only Does Everything Colin Moriarty wax on and on about Trophies and Mega Man. Probably see IGN Loudmouth Greg Miller take his shirt off. You've watched our videos and listened to our shows, but this is your chance to be a part of podcast magic and get your questions answered. Come prepared; we're a conversational panel. Speaker(s): Chris Carle, Colin Moriarty and Greg Miller.

IGN PODCAST BEYOND GIVES YOU FREE SHIT (LIVE PODCAST)

Plush ninjas, robots and organs -- these aren't your baby's plush toys. Veteran independent toymakers spill their secrets on how to successfully create and market awesome plush and vinyl toys. Turn your sketches into something you can hold! Learn from the folks at Shawnimals, Kidrobot, I Heart Guts and more. Speaker(s): Brian Slivka, Joshua Ben Longo, Karen Brazell, Kris Schantz, Nitin Bhargava, Phil Barbato, Shawn Smith and Wendy Bryan.

INDIE TOYMAKER ROUNDTABLE: TURNING CHARACTERS INTO TOYS

Screenwriter Morgan Gendel, Hugo-winner for the Star Trek: TNG episode "The Inner Light," offers new insights into the making of this fan-favorite tale about Picard's alternate life. Hear all about the sequel that never was, the Flute that almost wasn't, plus ongoing otherworldly experiences with William Shatner, Stan Lee and others. Speaker(s): Morgan Gendel

INNER LIGHT WITH MORGAN GENDEL

"The Tomorrow Project," a global initiative co-sponsored by Intel Corporation, promotes the exploration of science fact using science fiction. Join us for the launch of "Tomorrow Project Seattle," a new book bringing together best selling science fiction authors and newcomers. Learn about how these stories inspire dialog and ideas about new technologies. Join moderator, author ("Science Fiction Prototyping") and Intel Futurist Brian David Johnson, joined by bestselling authors Cory Doctorow ("Little Brother") and Douglas Rushkoff ("Life, Inc.") as they discuss the power of science fiction on science fact. Be the first to receive free downloadable copies of the new book "Tomorrow Project Anthology" as well as the chance to win a limited, signed print edition. Speaker(s): Brian David Johnson, Cory Doctorow and Douglas Rushkoff.

SCI-FI PROTOTYPING: DESIGNING THE FUTURE PANEL

Cartoon Network is dominating Monday nights with the FUNNIEST night on television, and we're bringing the inside scoop to Comic Con! Join creators and talent from Adventure Time and Regular Show as they talk about how these two comedy hits came to life, screen upcoming episodes, share what's in store for your favorite characters this season, answer questions and more! The panel features Adventure Time creator Pendleton Ward (Lumpy Space Princess) and Jeremy Shada (Finn); Regular Show talent includes creator J.G. Quintel (Mordecai), Bill Salyers (Rigby) and Sam Marin (Pops, Benson, Muscle Man). Speaker(s): Bill Salyers, J.G. Quintel, Jeremy Shada, Pendleton Ward and Sam Marin.

ADVENTURE TIME / REGULAR SHOW PANEL AND Q&A

A new documentary about what steampunk culture can teach us about the future. Join us in re-imagining what we want from our technology through the art and science of futurecasting. Produced by Brian David Johnson, Futurist, Intel Corporation.

"VINTAGE TOMORROWS" SNEAK PREVIEW SCREENING

You have created your own comic book hero, he or she can protect the world, but only you can protect your rights. If you are an artist, author, software or mobile phone application creator, this panel will show you how to protect yourself and your creations. In this seminar, you'll learn what you need to do to protect your intellectual property, how not to infringe upon other people's work, and the legal nuances of landing a publishing deal or becoming famous. Topics will include: forming a corporation, website creation, work for hire agreements, an overview of copyrights, trademarks, and fair use; what to do if someone is improperly using your works; and how to avoid improperly using someone else's works. Speaker(s): Michael Lee

INTRO TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW: THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF BECOMING FAMOUS

The heroine of Stieg Larsson's Millennium trilogy has "powers" that seem at times superhuman: she may not fly, but she's an awesome cyberhacker, she's got a photographic memory, and she's tough mentally and physically. Should she be considered a superhero? Join long-time comic book writers and editors Tom DeFalco (Marvel), Danny Fingeroth (Marvel, Superman on the Couch), Paul Levitz (DC), and Denny O'Neil (DC, Marvel), and psychologist Robin Rosenberg (Psychology of Superheroes, Psychology of the Girl With the Dragon Tattoo) as they discuss what makes a superhero and whether Lisbeth Salander should be considered one. Get a jump on these issues before the American film is released in December. Speaker(s): Danny Fingeroth, Denny O'Neil, Robin Rosenberg and Tom DeFalco.

IS THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO A SUPERHERO?

This panel will shed greater light on a topic that dominated last year's general LGBT discussion panel at NYCC: How can comics help at-risk LGBT teens? Comics and queer teens are made for each other, but what comics have connected with young adult readers most effectively? What kinds of comics are still needed? How can libraries and outreach groups best utilize comics to reach teens? What difficulties do they face when trying to put a queer-positive comic book into the hands of someone who needs a hero? These questions and more will be discussed in an exciting panel featuring: Charles "Zan" Christiansen, founder of Prism Comics and writer of "The Power Within" Daniel Ketchum, editor of "X-Men: Legacy" and "X-Factor" Ivan Velez Jr., prolific comics writer and creator of "Tales of the Closet" Rica Takashima, avant-garde street artist and creator of "Rica 'tte Kanji!?" Jackson Martin, NYPL Associate and organizer of Anti-Prom, the largest LGBT teen event in NYC Moderator: Chris Shoemaker, New York Public Library Young Adult Programming Specialist. Speaker(s): Charles "Zan" Christiansen, Chris Shoemaker, Daniel Ketchum, Ivan Velez Jr., Jackson Martin and Rica Takashima.

IT GETS BETTER (WITH COMICS!)

Join members from Jagex game studio and Hasbro as they take a look at elements from the upcoming MMO game, "Transformers Universe."

JAGEX - TRANSFORMERS MMO

Genre TV veteran Jane Espenson (Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Battlestar Galactica, Torchwood, etc) and writer/performer Brad Bell (aka "Cheeks") have created a marriage equality comedy called Husbands, unfurling now at HusbandsTheSeries.com. Espenson, Bell, and cast member Sean Hemeon will talk about Husbands, why they decided to make it for the web, and what they learned in the process that made them better at their jobs. Speaker(s): Alessandra Torresani, Brad Bell, Jane Espenson and Sean Hemeon.

JANE ESPENSON'S HUSBANDS -- A MARRIAGE OF EXPERIENCE AND NEW MEDIA

Teachers from Japan Society's world renowned Toyota Language Center present four individual 25-minute classes in a two hour block designed to introduce basics for learning the Japanese language. Attendees serious about learning Japanese are encouraged to sign-up for full courses at Japan Society's Toyota Language Center following the introductory program offered at the New York Anime Festival at New York Comic Con. To sign up for one of these free lessons, please visit the Japan Society Table in the Galleria on Friday or Saturday. Seating is limited.

JAPAN SOCIETY LANGUAGE LESSON

Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes will appear together for a live performance of their popular podcast Jay & Silent Bob Get Old. Fans who are interested in attending the live performance must have a New York Comic Con ticket and also purchase an additional ticket to the podcast. All ticket prices are based on seating location, visit NewYorkComicCon.com for ticket availability. Speaker(s): Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith.

JAY AND SILENT BOB GET OLD

Mark L. Miller (Ambush Bug on Ain't It Cool News) hosts a discussion with comics' top horror artists and writers focusing on what makes a good horror comic (and what doesn't)! Learn how to make an effective horror comic from those who do it best with an in depth discussion about all things horror and comics followed by a q&a with the audience. Speaker(s): Alan Robert, Ben Templesmith, Brandon Seifert, Christopher Monfette, David Quinn, Mark L. Miller, Matt Pizzolo, Menton 3 and Tim Seeley.

AICN COMICS: HORROR ON THE PANELED PAGE

Join Jeff Smith as he discusses the incredible journey of the BONE saga, which was named one of the Top 10 graphic novels of all time by TIME magazine. Learn about the past, present, and future of this epic, bestselling graphic novel series! Dr. Katie Monnin, a professor at the

University of North Florida and author of educational resource books about graphic novels and readers, will lead the conversation about the BONE series. Panelists include Jeff Smith, author and creator of BONE; Tom Sniegowski, author of BONE: QUEST FOR THE SPARK, a trilogy of illustrated novels, and TALL TALES, a BONE companion; David Saylor, VP Creative Director and Editorial Director of the Graphix imprint of Scholastic; and Cassandra Pelham, Associate Editor for Scholastic Press and Graphix. This session will cover the beginnings of the BONE series in the underground comic book scene and its development into an internationally bestselling series. Panelists will also discuss what's next for BONE and what lies in store for its beloved characters. Attendees will receive a complimentary BONE tote bag!

Speaker(s): Cassandra Pelham, David Saylor, Dr. Katie Monnin, Jeff Smith and Tom Sniegowski.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF BONE WITH JEFF SMITH!

Come see an exclusive screening of J.J. Sedelmaier Productions, Inc. short films - J.J.'s PERSONAL favorites ! Speaker(s): J.J. Sedelmaier

J.J. SEDELMAIER SHORTS

From B-movie bogeymen and outer space oddities to big-budget terrors, Monsters in the Movies by legendary filmmaker John Landis showcases the greatest monsters ever to creep, fly, slither, stalk, or rampage across the Silver Screen! Join director John Landis (Animal House, Blues Brothers, An American Werewolf in London, Michael Jackson's "Thriller") as he talks about his new book, Monsters in the Movies, with horror expert Tony Timpone, editor emeritus of Fangoria. Covering everything from Apes to Zombies and featuring photo selections from the book (via the Kobal Collection), the panel will be a unique and witty commentary on cinematic nightmares through history, as only John Landis can present. Speaker(s): John Landis and Tony Timpone.

JOHN LANDIS & MONSTERS IN THE MOVIES

Come strut your stuff across the Hasbro Stage on Kids Day! Open to attendees 12 and under, NYCC will be hosting this special contest just for our future costumers and cosplayers. The first 30 costumes kids will be accepted, and all will receive a certificate of participation.

KIDS COSTUME CONTEST

KIRBY KRACKLE is a nerd rock band that creates songs dedicated to the nerdiest aspects of comic book, video game and pop culture. They've performed their unique style of pop rock all over the world, from Melbourne to New York, Toronto to Seattle and numerous places in between. They've been featured on TV, radio and magazines, and their music has been called "Geek Rock Perfection" by Wired. Speaker(s): Bryce Francis, Jim Demonakos, Kyle Stevens, Nelson Estes, Patrick Porter and Scott Andrew.

KIRBY KRACKLE LIVE

Image Comics partner and best selling writer Robert Kirkman (THE WALKING DEAD) is joined by Image Comics Publisher Eric Stephenson and some very special guests to discuss the exciting present and future possibilities of creator-owned comics. Be one of the first to hear some major announcements from the leading publisher of creator-owned comics. Speaker(s): Eric Stephenson and Robert Kirkman.

CREATOR-OWNED COMICS WITH ROBERT KIRKMAN

The Kubert School has been fostering the next generation of talent for the last 35 years. In this spotlight, Joe Kubert (Sgt. Rock, Hawkman) and his son, Adam Kubert (Shattered Heroes: Thor), answer all your questions about the school. During this session, Joe Kubert will also demonstrate his drawing techniques in a live demo. The piece he creates in the demo will be raffled off with the proceeds benefiting the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Stop by The Kubert School booth for details and to purchase raffle tickets. Don't miss out on this chance to see a living legend create a work of art right before your eyes! Speaker(s): Adam Kubert and Joe Kubert.

KUBERT SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT AND ART DEMO WITH JOE AND ADAM KUBERT

Sure you've created a great comic book, but how do you get it published (other than on your own website)? Join attorneys Thomas A. Crowell and Sheafe B. Walker, and popular published comic book writer/artist Alan Robert ("Wire Hangers," "Crawl to Me," IDW Publishing) as they discuss how to hook and land a publisher, what to look for in a comic book publishing agreement, and how to get your comic from your computer and into the comic book store's racks. Speaker(s): Alan Robert, Sheafe B. Walker, Esq. and Thomas A. Crowell, Esq.

LEGAL PANEL – THE COMIC BOOK PUBLISHING AGREEMENT

From Studio Pierrot, creators of the classic Naruto and Bleach films, comes the stunning new anime adventure Legend of the Millennium Dragon. Based on Takafumi Takada's beloved two-volume novel of the same name, Onigamiden (in Japanese) tells the action-packed story of a 15-year-old boy named Jun Tendo who is thrust back in time 1,200 years into the middle of an ancient battle between demons and humans. Hirotugu Kawasaki, who previously directed 1998's Spriggan and Naruto the Movie 2: Legend of the Stone Gelel, brings his unique visual flair to this high quality epic, which also features spectacular character design by Tetsuya Nishio (Naruto, Ghost in the Shell: S.A.C. 2nd GIG).

LEGEND OF THE MILLENNIUM DRAGON

For our first year at New York Comic Con, join iconic writer/artist Frank Miller (300), Legendary Comics editor-in-chief Bob Schreck (All-Star Superman), Paul Pope (100%), and other artists from the Legendary stable to find out about current and future releases including Holy Terror and PulpHope 2012. Speaker(s): Bob Schreck, Frank Miller and Paul Pope.

LEGENDARY COMICS

Digital comics and graphic novels are more available to readers than ever before and in different formats for a variety of platforms. Increasing

numbers of major comics publishers are going to a "day and date structure" of publishing, which gives readers a choice of print and digital versions of newly released comics. What implications does this hold for libraries and comics readers that depend on libraries to provide them with their favorite story lines and graphic novels? David Lisa and Michael Maziekien will take a look at the history of digital comics, what's happening now and what the future might hold for cooperation between digital comics publishers and libraries. Speaker(s): David Lisa and Michael Maziekien.

DIGITAL COMICS & LIBRARIES - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

It's time to "Level Up" your Comic Con experience with a WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING of Cartoon Network's funniest original movie for the video game age! Level Up introduces three high school gamers who unwittingly open a portal from an online game, allowing the in-game creatures and mayhem to escape into the real world! The trio must put aside their differences and join forces to play the game for real in order to save their neighborhood (and the world!) from ultimate evil! Be among the first to see Level Up before it premieres on Cartoon Network in November, with an explosive TV series to follow in 2012.

LEVEL UP WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING

As graphic novels continue to enjoy wider representation and circulation in libraries around the country, new challenges and issues face librarians. This panel will delve into those concerns as well as explore new opportunities for libraries. Topics covered will include—but certainly not be limited to—digital strategies, increasing budgets for graphic novel collections, what to do when you start running out of shelf space, promoting the collection to adult patrons and nontraditional audiences (like teachers, homeschooling parents, and others), and much more. Speaker(s): Christian Zabriskie and Karen Green, Rachael Myers and Ryan Donovan.

GRAPHIC NOVELS AND LIBRARIES: BEYOND THE BASICS

Animation historians and cartoon experts will discuss and present – in spectacular, never-before-seen, side-by-side comparison footage – selected vintage cartoons from Warner Home Video's Fall 2011 Blu-Ray™ release of the newly remastered Tom and Jerry Golden Collection & Looney Tunes Platinum Collections.

CLASSIC WARNER BROS./HANNA-BARBERA CARTOONS GOING BLU-RAY

MAD is more than just the best-selling humor magazine in the nation — it's also the inspiration for the hit animated series from Warner Bros. Animation, now in its second season on Cartoon Network! Find out what's happening with the Usual Gang of Idiots in this panel featuring MAD Magazine editor John Ficarra, art director Sam Viviano and MAD series producer Kevin Shinick. MAD airs Mondays at 8:45/7:45c on Cartoon Network. Speaker(s): John Ficarra, Kevin Shinick and Sam Viviano.

MAD SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION AND Q&A

An NYCC special event, Aniplex of America presents the hit anime series Madoka Magica. This screening features the first 3 episodes of the series subtitled. The President of Aniplex, Koichiro Natsume, will also be at the screening to give the fans a special greeting. The story follows a 14 year old girl named Madoka Kaname. After having a bizarre dream, Madoka encounters a magical creature named Kyubey. Madoka is offered the opportunity of gaining magical powers if she agrees to make a contract with the strange little being. He will also grant Madoka one wish, but in exchange she shall risk her life by accepting the responsibilities of fighting witches. Little does Madoka know what the real risks of making a contract has in-store for her. www.MadokaMagicaUSA.com www.AniplexUSA.com Speaker(s): Koichiro Natsume.

MADOKA MAGICA SCREENING (BY ANIPIXEL OF AMERICA)

Come join Ms. Frizzle to celebrate 25 years on The Magic School Bus!

Everyone's favorite teacher is thrilled to be making her first appearance at New York Comic Con's Kids Day. Ms. Frizzle will be reading along to The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge with her Kids Day fans, hand out coloring sheets and pose for pictures. Based on the most successful children's science book series ever published, The Magic School Bus TV series can be seen daily on Qubo (check your local listings). A brand new The Magic School Bus®: Oceans for Nintendo DS will release in October in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary celebration. For more information about The Magic School Bus and for a busful of games, visit the website at: <http://scholastic.com/magicschoolbus>

WAHOO! - THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS

While most known for his lead role in the Classic Star Wars Trilogy, Mark is also a prolific voice actor who has lent his voice to hundreds of cartoons including Batman: The Animated Series, The Simpsons, Samurai Jack and Powerpuff Girls. Also, an avid comic book collector and writer, Hamill created his own comic book anti-hero, The Black Pearl, for Dark Horse Comics. Meet Mark Hamill in the spotlight panel! Speaker(s): Mark Hamill

MARK HAMILL SPOTLIGHT

Continuing the epic big-screen adventures started in "Iron Man," "The Incredible Hulk," "Iron Man 2," "Thor" and "Captain America: The First Avenger," in "Marvel's The Avengers" the world's greatest Super Heroes must assemble to pull the world back from the brink of disaster when an unexpected enemy threatens global security. This special presentation will feature never-before-seen footage and appearances by special surprise guests. Speaker(s): Chris Evans, Cobie Smulders, Kevin Feige, Mark Ruffalo and Tom Hiddleston.

MARVEL STUDIOS: MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS

A multimedia exploration on the history of Black (African American) heroes Ebony White to The Black Panther from Lando to Spawn. Focusing on their cultural impact, unifying/underlying traits & what the future holds based on

what the past has shown us. Speaker(s): Dyami Pipkin, Hakeem Pipkin and Jason Gomes.

ALWAYS BET ON BLACK

Spider-Man's licking his wounds after the cataclysmic conclusion of Spider-Island! But he shouldn't get too comfortable as the Sinister Six plot their long awaited revenge! Sit down with our spectacular panel including Dan Slott (Amazing Spider-Man), Greg Rucka (Punisher), Senior Editor Steve Wacker, Editor in Chief Axel Alonso and more as they lay the groundwork for New York City's greatest heroes. And don't forget to grab your exclusive Daredevil pin – only at this panel! Speaker(s): Axel Alonso, Dan Slott, Greg Rucka and Steve Wacker.

MARVEL: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

After the Marvel Universe was dealt a treacherous hand courtesy of Fear Itself – the heroes of the Marvel Universe emerge shattered. With new questions and new surprises, we've got your exclusive first look right here! Get the answers to all your questions from Executive Editor Tom Brevoort, Editor in Chief Axel Alonso, Matt Fraction (Fear Itself), Kieron Gillen (Journey into Mystery), Christos Gage (Avengers Academy) and more. Speaker(s): Axel Alonso, Christos Gage, Kieron Gillen, Matt Fraction and Tom Brevoort.

MARVEL: AVENGERS: SHATTERED HEROES

You have the talent. You have the imagination. You have the "Go get 'em, Tiger" determination that would make the Bullpen proud. But where do you go from there? Discover the next step in your budding comics career with world-renowned talent scout C.B. Cebulski, Mark Brooks, Leinil Yu, Esad Ribic, Alex Maleev and more as they give you all the right pointers toward getting a foot in the door at Marvel Comics. Discussing all entry points across every department, this can't-miss panel is a must for all Marvel hopefuls! Speaker(s): Alex Maleev, CB Cebulski, Esad Ribic, Leinil Yu and Mark Brooks.

MARVEL: BREAKING INTO COMICS THE MARVEL WAY

This is it Mighty Marvel fans, the no-holds-barred, anything goes, full of surprises panel you wait all year for, and it's here! Marvel's Chief Creative Officer Joe Quesada takes on all questions, shocks the audience with jaw-dropping announcements, and keeps you guessing with surprise guests. You never know who will show up, but you better be here, because this is the panel that everyone will be talking about! Speaker(s): Joe Quesada

MARVEL: CUP O' JOE

It's the most INCREDIBLE panel of the weekend! Looking for your exclusive inside track on what's coming down the line for the Green Goliath? Can't wait to see what Incredible Hulk writer Jason Aaron has in store in his new ongoing series? Well find out here! Joined by Editor in Chief Axel Alonso, Senior Editor Marc Paniccia and more take on all your questions and just may reveal some tantalizing details that will leave you begging for more! Speaker(s): Axel Alonso, Jason Aaron and Marc Paniccia.

MARVEL: THE INCREDIBLE HULK

The excitement continues with Marvel anime on G4! Following the successful run of Iron Man and Wolverine anime, Head of Marvel Television, Jeph Loeb brings brand-new Anime action to New York with a preview of X-Men (Premiering on G4 October 21) and some very exciting casting news for fan favorite, Blade. Speaker(s): Jeph Loeb

MARVEL TELEVISION PRESENTS: ANIME ON G4

Big things are happening at Marvel TV! Get the latest on live action-series in development from Head of Marvel Television Jeph Loeb. Plus, see a new sneak peek of Ultimate Spider-Man, and find out what's next for your other favorite animated heroes. Speaker(s): Jeph Loeb

MARVEL TELEVISION PRESENTS

Learn all about an amazing newly announced Marvel game for 2012 from Activision, plus Spider-Man: Edge of Time, X-Men Destiny, Ultimate

Marvel vs. Capcom 3, the Marvel Universe MMO, Marvel Pinball, Super Hero Squad Online, Super Hero Squad: Comic Combat (using THQ's uDraw peripheral), and Super Hero Squad: The Infinity Gauntlet for Nintendo 3DS. This includes exciting new details about the future of other Marvel games via exclusive trailers, surprise reveals, and Q&A with the game creators from some of the industry's top publishers.

MARVEL INTERACTIVE: MARVEL VIDEO GAMES

New York City is home to Marvel world headquarters, so you better believe the Marvel Digital House of Ideas will be at New York Comic-Con in full force! Get the inside scoop on every possible way you can read Marvel comics on your digital devices – including the now industry-defining Marvel Digital Comics Unlimited library offering over 10,000 comics and still growing! Plus, learn how to stay on top of up-to-the-minute Marvel news and updates, watch original videos and programming, play games, interact with Marvel personnel via social media and so much more! We're bringing the future to NYCC just for you – get ready, get set, let's go – True Believers!

MARVEL: THE DIGITAL HOUSE OF IDEAS

Everyone is talking about the new Ultimate Comics Universe but everyone wants to know what's next! We've got the exclusive news here with announcements that'll leave you begging for more. Join Nick Spencer (Ultimate X-Men), Senior Editor Mark Paniccia, Marvel Editor In Chief Axel Alonso and more for the news you can't miss. Speaker(s): Axel Alonso, Marc Paniccia and Nick Spencer.

MARVEL: ULTIMATE COMICS UNIVERSE REBORN

What will space travel be like in 50, 100 and 200 years? If there is any lesson to be learned from past predictions of interplanetary and interstellar travel it's that technological movement forward is rarely in the direction predicted by writers and scientists. We'll test this hypothesis by looking at short film clips focusing on space travel, space exploration and space

technology stretching back over a century. The very best guesses and extrapolations into the future had bases in physics and mathematics; a few are remarkably prescient. Finally we'll try to guess if WE can predict, with any chance of success, what our descendants will be doing away from Planet Earth in the coming centuries. Speaker(s): Michael Shara

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: CINEMA AND THE FUTURE OF SPACE

Forget Spider-Woman and Emma Frost, meet the real Ms. Marvels of the comic world! Join women from every discipline in the creative process at Marvel to hear what it's like working as a woman in comics today. These ladies are busting through the four-color ceiling! Guests include editors Jeanine Schaefer (Wolverine), Lauren Sankovitch (Fantastic Four), Sana Amanat (Ultimate Comics Spider-Man) and more! Speaker(s): Jeanine Schaefer, Lauren Sankovitch and Sana Amanat.

MARVEL: WOMEN OF MARVEL

The lines are drawn – what team will you choose? With the X-Men divided, Wolverine and Cyclops head off in radically different directions with their separate teams. You've got questions and these people have answers! Writers Jason Aaron (Wolverine & The X-Men), Kieron Gillen (Uncanny X-Men), Peter David (X-Factor), Greg Pak (Astonishing X-Men), Editor Jeanine Schaefer and Editor in Chief Axel Alonso are on hand to lay out what's going on with the X-Men for this all-new, all-DEADLY panel! Speaker(s): Axel Alonso, Greg Pak, Jason Aaron, Jeanine Schaefer, Kieron Gillen and Peter David.

MARVEL: X-MEN REGENESIS

The New York Comic Con and New York Anime Festival Masquerade's an event for cosplayers looking to put on a show. Our Masquerade is a costume showcase that is part fashion show and part talent show with prizes on the line... The Masquerade's winning team takes home prizes from our contest's sponsors and \$1,000 in prize money. Spend your

Saturday night watching giant robots, wizards, magical girls, and at least one Time Lord take the stage!

MASQUERADE

2012 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Masters of the Universe toy line and do we have some great collectable toys in store! Head over to get all the latest info on Mattel's Masters of the Universe Classics line including sneak peaks, a look at the new 2012 Mini Comics and updates on our Create-a-Character contest. Panel includes a live Q & A with Mattel brand manager Scott "Toy Guru" Neitlich and special guests The Four Horsemen. Speaker(s): Scott "Toy Guru" Neitlich and The Four Horsemen.

MATTEL PRESENTS: MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE CLASSICS - GETTING READY TO TURN 30!

Minimates: 9 Years, 1000 Tiny Toys Some of the team behind Diamond Select Toys' Minimates mini-figure brand will unveil upcoming products and answer your questions about the 2-inch, highly articulated toys, which were born right here in NYC! Minimates product manager Robert Yee, Art Asylum artist and designer Uriel Caton and DST Marketing Supervisor Zach Oat will share insider info about all of our current lines, including Marvel, Marvel vs. Capcom 3, Halo, Universal Monsters, Minimates MAX, Pirate Raiders, Real Ghostbusters, Knight Rider, Femme Fatales, Back to the Future and more! They will then submit to a Q&A session and debut the next stop-motion animated Minimates adventure, based on Pirate Raiders! Plus, there will be a Minimates prize drawing at the end of the panel! Speaker(s): Robert Yee, Uriel Caton and Zach Oat.

MINIMATES: 9 YEARS, 1000 TINY TOYS

Presenting the true story of Michael Uslan, and how a middle class boy from New Jersey grew up to be an executive producer of one of the most successful film franchises of all time. Uslan has been the executive producer, along with his partner Benjamin Melnick, of the Batman series of films, starting with 1989's landmark Batman to the most recent installment, the second highest grossing film of all time, The Dark Knight.

He has written comic books, comic strips, a children's book, a book on Rock and Roll with Dick Clark, graphic novels and most recently, his critically-acclaimed autobiography, The Boy Who Loved Batman. Signing to immediately follow at MoCCA Booth #2631 Speaker(s): Michael Uslan

MOCCA PRESENTS: MICHAEL USLAN, THE BOY WHO LOVED BATMAN

Join comics legend Stan Lee and MTV Comics Executive Editor Tom Akeel as they announce the winners of the talent search to write and illustrate The Seekers! Get your first look at the art and story from Stan's new epic and meet the creative team! You'll also get a sneak peek at some new projects from MTV Comics and a special appearance by our Mystery Guest! Plus an exclusive gift for the first 100 attendees! Speaker(s): Stan Lee and Tom Akeel.

MTV COMICS AND STAN LEE'S THE SEEKERS

SAW writers and debut authors of BLACK LIGHT, Patrick Melton, Marcus Dunstan and Stephen Romano share the scariest moments from film, TV and literary history in a raucous discussion of what scares us and why we can't get enough. Speaker(s): Marcus Dunstan, Patrick Melton and Stephen Romano.

THE ARCHITECTS OF SCARE SEASON

Is it really reasonable for anime characters to move so fast and jump so high? Are mecha efficient enough machines for future generations to build? Come join physics graduates Joe and Rukan as they take a look at how well anime adheres to the laws of physics. From the somewhat sane, to the far-fetched, to the absolutely ridiculous, anime will be scrutinized under the lens of modern science. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you might even learn something, but you'll definitely have a good time. No physics knowledge is assumed, but an understanding of basic physics may make some things easier to understand. Speaker(s): Rukan Shao and Zhao Chen.

MYTHBUSTERS: ANIME EDITION

Anime Music Videos (AMVs) are remixes of anime and music pulled together from often divergent sources into astonishing works of art filled with action, drama, comedy, romance, and always a lot of heart, and we are proud to play host to a competition between the editors, storytellers, and artists that are AMV makers. Take in the finalists of this year's contest and don't forget to vote for your favorite.

AMV CONTEST

Mark Hamill appears on this very special panel with New-Gen, discussing his role in the upcoming film based on this science fiction comic book series. For more information visit www.newgenuniverse.com.
Speaker(s): Abdul H. Rashid, J.D. Matonti, Jeff Gomez and Mark Hamill.

NEW-GEN WITH MARK HAMILL

Join Aspen Comics creators including Frank Mastromauro, Peter Steigerwald, Vince Hernandez, Mark Roslan, Greg Pak, Joe Benitez, JT Krul, Jason Fabok, Alex Konat and more surprise guests as Aspen reveals exclusive never-before-seen looks at upcoming projects and titles, as well as news about their popular titles such as Fathom, Soulfire, Lady Mechanika, Executive Assistant Iris, Charismagic and new titles Dead Man's Run, Broken Pieces, Idolized and more! All fans in attendance will receive a free gift courtesy of Aspen Comics. Speaker(s): Alex Konat, Emilio Lopez, Frank Mastromauro, Greg Pak, Jason Fabok, Joe Benitez, Khary Randolph, Mark Roslan, Peter Steigerwald, Tony Parker and Vince Hernandez.

OFFICIAL ASPEN COMICS PANEL

Often imitated but never duplicated! Get up close and personal with trendsetting indie comic powerhouse Oni Press. Featuring NYCC debut titles Power Lunch, Sketch Monsters, and Black Metal Vol. 2! Join in the Q&A with Rick Spears & Chuck BB as they discuss the long awaited return of their hit series Black Metal. We'll talk Comics for Kids with Joshua Williamson, Vinny Naverette, & J. Torres about their respective debut

comics Sketch Monsters and Power Lunch. Then artist Brian Hurtt and writer Cullen Bunn join in the fray to discuss their hit ongoing series The Sixth Gun. And, as always, Oni Press' Panelmonium brings announcements, reveals, special guests, free comics, and the only interactive panel in town! Guaranteed by Oni Press' totally biased employees to be "the most fun you'll ever have at a panel!" Speaker(s): Brian Hurtt, Cullen Bunn, J. Torres, Joshua Williamson and Vinny Naverette.

ONI PRESS PRESENTS PANELMONIUM 2011

The man behind the hit A&E TV series, bestselling book, and founder of The Paranormal Society-- Ryan Buell -- will take fans behind the scenes of the most intense cases on his show and reveal the never-before-told paranormal events that led to the founding of the Society. Fans will hear how Ryan and PRS have evolved, both from the beginning and through the advent of the show. Speaker(s): Ryan Buell.

PARANORMAL TV - TALK AND Q&A WITH RYAN BUELL, STAR OF A&E'S PARANORMAL STATE

Join the award-winning writers of The Uncanny X-Men and The Legion of Superheroes. Have your questions answered and learn the inside scoop on these two fabulous teams, how they came into their own in their 70's, influencing comics, movies, videos, television. Chris Claremont is best known for his time on Marvel Comic's X-Men, where he created such characters as Rogue, Gambit, Mystique, and Kitty Pryde. Paul Levitz is the long-time writer of The Legion of Superheroes for DC Comics. Speaker(s): Chris Claremont and Paul Levitz.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRIS CLAREMONT AND PAUL LEVITZ: SUPERHEROES: FACT AND FICTION

Be among the first to screen the first episode of "A Never-Ending Battle: 1938-54", a new documentary on the history of comic book superheroes produced by the filmmakers behind the award-winning Make 'Em Laugh and Broadway: The American Musical, scheduled for the 2012-2013 PBS season. This insightful, entertaining documentary includes new interviews

with legends such as Joe Simon, Stan Lee, Jim Steranko, Michael Chabon, Jules Feiffer and many more, along with rare footage. Bonfire Agency's Steve Rotterdam will introduce the episode and also lead a discussion with filmmakers Michael Kantor and Laurence Maslon. Note: A select group of attendees will also be invited to participate in a focus group immediately to follow.

THE NEVER-ENDING BATTLE (A PBS DOCUMENTARY) EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW EPISODE

In an alternate timeline, Japan was divided after losing World War II: Hokkaido was annexed by the "Union" while Honshu and other southern islands were under US control. A gigantic yet mysterious tower has been constructed in Hokkaido that can be clearly seen from Honshu across the Tsugaru Strait. Three children are about to discover secrets the tower and the world. A special screening of this Makoto Shinkai film.

PLACE PROMISED IN OUR EARLY DAYS

Discover the winners of this year's Anime Music Video contest!

AMV CONTEST WINNERS

LGBT women and their straight allies are a force to be reckoned with in the comics world. JD Glass (CORE) moderates a dynamic panel exploring the specific challenges they face in the traditional comics world and the changing digital landscape, as well as the unique perspectives, storytelling aesthetics, and sense of community they bring to the table. Explore the past, present, and future of women in queer comics with Paige Braddock ("Jane's World"), Jennifer Camper ("Rude Girls and Dangerous Women"), Joan Hilty ("Bitter Girl"), Kris Dresen ("She's In The Trees"), Abby Denson ("High School Confidential"), and Erica Friedman (Yuricon & ALC Publishing). Speaker(s): Abby Denson, Erica Friedman, Jennifer Camper, Joan Hilty, Kris Dresen and Paige Braddock.

XX: THE WOMEN OF QUEER COMICS

Find out how to sell your work as an eBook with the world's largest bookseller -for free. With the new self-publishing platforms, authors and artists have an opportunity to reach new audiences through eReading devices like the critically acclaimed NOOK(tm) line of eReading devices and free NOOK reading apps. Find out how authors of graphic novels, science-fiction and fantasy are using platforms like Publ!(tm) by Barnes & Noble to publish eBooks and find more readers. Speaking on the panel will be Crazy 8 Press authors Peter David and Aaron Rosenberg, ComicMix VP Glenn Hauman, urban fantasy novelist Joseph Nassise and graphic novelist Bobby Crosby. Speaker(s): Aaron Rosenberg, Bobby Crosby, Glenn Hauman, Joseph Nassise and Peter David.

THE NEW INDEPENDENTS: HOW TO SELF-PUBLISH AND SUCCEED IN THE DIGITAL BOOKSTORE

Join the leading voices of Pulp Fiction for an examination of this unique American genre. We'll be exploring the roots of pulp and looking forward to the exciting efforts of today and tomorrow in comics, prose, e-books, audiobooks and recorded drama! Panelists include: Nick Barrucci, Publisher of Dynamite Comics (The Shadow, The Spider), Greg Goldstein (COO of IDW), author and historian Will Murray (Doc Savage's Wild Adventures), historian Anthony Tollin (Reprinting classics via Nostalgia Ventures), Mark Tepper - (CEO Radio Spirits), Wade Hosth (Pulp Historian) Mark Halegua (Pulp1st) and author Adam Lance Garcia (Green Lama). The panel will be moderated by Bonfire Agency's Ed Catto. Speaker(s): Adam Lance Garcia, Anthony Tollin, Doug Goldstein, Ed Catto, Jim Beard, Mark Halegua, Mark Tepper, Nick Barrucci, Wade Hosth and Will Murray.

PULP FICTION - NOW WITH EVEN MORE PULP

With a fascinating cast of new secondary characters, Neverwinter launches on October 4 and takes the dual-scimitar wielding dark elf Drizzt and brings him to an area of the Realms he's never adventured in - Neverwinter. With the last of his trusted companions having fallen, Drizzt

is alone—and free—for the first time in almost a hundred years. Forced to see the dark deeds of common men, Drizzt begins to find himself on the wrong side of the law in an effort to protect those the law has failed.

Speaker(s): RA Salvatore.

NEVERWINTER, THE NEVERWINTER SAGA BOOK II BY R.A. SALVATORE

For over a decade, the Comic Book Project has helped over 100,000 children and youths to write, design, and publish original comic books. Project founder and director, Dr. Michael Bitz will present alongside students and teachers from New York City. This session will present classroom ideas and strategies through examples of student work. Help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Comic Book Project by bringing comics into the classroom! For more information about the Comic Book Project: www.ComicBookProject.org. Speaker(s): Dr. Michael Bitz.

CLASSROOM LESSONS FROM THE COMIC BOOK PROJECT

Lucasfilm's Red Tails, a high-flying action epic inspired by the heroic exploits of the first all African-American aerial combat unit, is set to fly into theaters on January 20, 2012. An inspirational action film, Red Tails is about a squadron of exceptional young men who triumph over incredible odds to become the top gun pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen. This panel brings together actors from the film, artists from world-renowned visual effects company Industrial Light & Magic and a real American hero – one of the original Tuskegee Airman. Be among the very first to see an exclusive clip from the movie – a spine-tingling dogfight sequence! Miles Perkins, Director of Marketing and Communications for ILM moderates as the group discusses what it was like to act, create and live the action of an aerial dogfight. Speaker(s): Miles Perkins.

RED TAILS: A DOGFIGHT FROM ALL ANGLES – ACTOR, AIRMAN AND ARTIST

Gene Colan will be remembered as one of the most important, influential and beloved artists of the Silver Age and beyond. Join author Clifford Meth and his guests Walter Simonson, Joe Sinnott, Herb Trimpe, Don McGregor and David Lloyd as they celebrate the memory, artistic values, and cherished memories of Gene Colan, one of comicdom's favorite artists. The Sidekick Foundation will be on hand representing artwork from the Estate of Gene Colan and signed books from Gene Colan will also be available.

Speaker(s): Cliff Meth, David Lloyd, Don McGregor, Herb Trimpe, Joe Sinnott and Walter Simonson.

REMEMBERING GENE COLAN

Share in the joy of Resident Evil! 2011 marks the 15th anniversary of the legendary video game franchise that gave fear a face and horror a home. Capcom declares Saturday to "Resident Evil Day," so please come dressed as your favorite classic and new RE characters! Come find out the latest information about the newest entries to the Resident Evil franchise: the brutal truth behind Resident Evil: Operation Raccoon City with producer, Rey Jimenez, Resident Evil: Revelations for the Nintendo 3DS, the gorgeous re-imagining of Resident Evil 4 HD and Resident Evil Code Veronica X HD, plus some surprises! Followed by a Q&A session. Speaker(s): Francis Mao John Diamonon, Mike Lunn, Rey Jimenez and Ryan McDougall.

RESIDENT EVIL

From the mind of Uncle Yo, comes Road Trippin -- a love note to the world of anime -- performed live on stage, starring Mario Bueno.

Speaker(s): Augie Dannhel, Eric Chase, John Baker, Lissette Espailat, Michael Schlapp, Sam Manas and Sharon Zaslaw.

UNCLE YO PRESENTS: ROAD TRIPPIN'

Seth Green (co-creator), Matthew Senreich (co-creator), Doug Goldstein (head writer and co-producer) and Zeb Wells discuss their popular series Robot Chicken and provide a sneak peek of season 5.5, premiering on Oct. 23rd on Adult Swim. Speaker(s): Doug Goldstein, Matthew Seinrich, Seth Green and Zeb Wells.

ROBOT CHICKEN

Manga artist Misako Rocks! and voice actress Veronica Taylor present an hour-long master class on manga art and voice acting. Join them and help them give life to new character, in this collaboration between two talented professionals and the audience! Speaker(s): Misako Rocks! and Veronica Taylor.

ANIMATE IT! WITH VERONICA TAYLOR AND MISAKO ROCKS!

A new animated Robotech feature? A new Robotech documentary? A live-action Robotech film from Warner Brothers with Tobey Maguire? Join Harmony Gold's Kevin McKeever as he answers these questions in a special two hour panel. Speaker(s): Kevin McKeever.

ROBOTECH

Roddenberry Productions, helmed by the Son of Gene Roddenberry (The Creator of Star Trek), Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, C.O.O./Head of Development Trevor Roth, and Roddenberry Productions Producer/Production Supervisor Tory Mell have a bunch of incredibly awesome and informative news to share about some old, new, and original properties that they will be discussing and showing various clips from. Did I mention we will be having another pizza party like we did last year? Well, I just did!!! Speaker(s): Eugene Roddenberry, Tory Mell and Trevor Roth.

RODDENBERRY PIZZA PARTY PRESENTS

2011 has been a fantastic year for Roman Dirge fans - with the publication of new Lenore adventures, the release of his beautiful must-buy art retrospective, Taxidermied, and the debut of his ongoing range of high-quality Roman Dirge merchandise - all available here at the show (Stand 940). Join the artist/magician himself for this exclusive journey into the unique world of Roman Dirge! One-on-one interview with moderator Andrew Sumner plus Q&A session with Roman. Speaker(s): Roman Dirge.

ROMAN DIRGE SPOTLIGHT

SCIENCE will present an all-star lineup with appearances by: The cast of ODDITIES including Evan Michelson, Mike Zohn and Ryan Matthews along with a preview of what is to come in Season 3! Star Trek is BACK! Rod Roddenberry will show exclusive, world premiere footage from the upcoming SCIENCE documentary TREK NATION. And a special surprise for New York Comic Con...Ridley Scott's announcement about his new series PROPHETS OF SCIENCE FICTION with an appearance by Dr. Michio Kaku. Speaker(s): Dr. Michio Kaku, Evan Michelson, Mike Zohn, Rod Roddenberry and Ryan Matthews

RIDLEY SCOTT, STAR TREK, ODDITIES, AND MORE! PRESENTED BY SCIENCE

Even though Ritsu Onodera hates to rely on family connections, he winds up taking a job as an editor at his parents' company, Marukawa Books. To his chagrin, he's assigned to the shoujo manga department in spite of having no interest or experience in it. And on top of that, he has an awful first impression of his high-handed editor in chief, Masamune Takano. What comes after is a story of first love full of tears and laughter.

SEIKAI-ICHI HATSUKOI

Lolita Fashion might seem new to you, but is it really? For many years, the breadcrumbs of this subculture have been spreading all over the media, not just in the Fashion universe. Come and explore the many interesting ways in which Lolita Fashion has taken on a life of its own! Through Anime,

Movies, Music, Television, Books and more - you might be surprised of what things you see! Presented by Dalin of La Vida Frills - this interactive panel is full of games, laughs, prizes and Rori approved fun all around!
Speaker(s): Dalin Rowell.

SHE'S SO UNSUAL: LOLITA FASHION IN THE MEDIA

A special hour with Japanese guest Makoto Shinkai. The auteur director responsible for some of Japan's most original, most beautiful animations will be speaking about his work and inspirations with Roland Kelts, author of Japanamerica. A Japanamerica book signing will follow the panel at the Kinokuniya booth. Speaker(s): Makoto Shinkai and Roland Kelts.

MAKOTO SHINKAI IN CONVERSATION WITH ROLAND KELTS

Makoto Shinkai introduces the New York Premiere of his latest film. IA girl named Asuna meets a young man called Shun who comes from the faraway land of Agartha. The two quickly become friends, but then -- just as quickly -- Shun disappears. And when Asuna hears the word "Agartha" again in school as part of a myth, she knows adventure and mystery lie ahead. Makoto Shinkai's most ambitious film yet, Children who Chase Lost Voices from Deep Below is grand in scope, marrying together lavish visuals with a narrative that literally crosses worlds. Speaker(s): Makoto Shinkai.

CHILDREN WHO CHASE LOST VOICES FROM DEEP BELOW

Silver Circle will be holding it's first ever "Work in Progress" Screening. The film is running three test screenings across the eastern seaboard before the last leg of production begins. Viewers will not be watching the finished film, but instead will have a glimpse into the world of filmmaking and process of animation. The test screenings allow viewers to submit comments and input for the directors and producers to use as guidelines for the last round of changes. Each attendee will have a comment card to fill out before they leave the screening. It'll be a fun chance to play director! However, the director will be present for any questions the

audience may have. The first 20 people in the door receive a limited edition copy of Chapter 1 of the Silver Circle comic book. Prior to the evening's events there will be a concert at booth #1913 (6 pm) to promote the screening with one of the film's soundtrack bands: The Last Internationale. Media and bloggers are welcome at both events! I hope everyone can attend. This is a fantastic moment to experience in filmmaking AND a great way to support Silver Circle in our independent filmmaking efforts! Visit us at SilverCircleMovie.com/Events for more details!

SILVER CIRCLE

How do comics get made? It's as easy as one, two three! Join this workshop on making comics that starts at the very beginning -- with nursery rhymes. With four great creators to guide you, you'll start out with a rhyme and end up with a comic! Sponsored by First Second Books; for children ages 4 and up.

NURSERY RHYME COMICS

Attention fans of Blue Exorcist, you will get a kick out of this special show. Join the cosplayer cast of the hit anime series Blue Exorcist as they sort out their problems on stage at NYCC. Hosted by the characters from the Aniplex Anime series Oreimo, watch as the hosts try to find the solutions between the Blue Exorcist cast members and see what happens when different Anime personalities collide. The audience will get a chance to participate in the show with the opportunity for prizes. www.BlueExorcist.com www.AniplexUSA.com www.Youtube.com/AniplexUS www.ACParadise.com

ANIME COUNSELING: BLUE EXORCIST EDITION (BY ANIPIXEL OF AMERICA)

Things continue to look up for SKYBOUND, Image COO Robert Kirkman's imprint at Image Comics. The premiere original WITCH DOCTOR has sold out nationwide, the all-ages hit SUPER DINOSAUR continues to soar, and Kirkman's team-up with Rob Liefeld, THE INFINITE, has been rocking fans to their core... what's next? Join Robert Kirkman as he discusses

the future of the imprint with his stable of creators, including the creative teams behind WITCH DOCTOR, THIEF OF THIEVES, and more! Expect only AWESOMENESS. Speaker(s): Brandon Seifert, Lukas Ketner, Robert Kirkman and Shawn Martinbrough

SKYBOUND PANEL

New York Comic Con fans get the first and only advance look at the entire 100-minute Smallville retrospective in anticipation of the November 29 release of Smallville: The Complete Series on DVD. The Smallville retrospective, one of the most heralded features within more than 192 hours of content in the box set, features a fascinating look into every aspect of the series, including all-new interviews with producers, directors and cast alike. Be the first to see this all-encompassing revisit to the beloved series.

NYCC EXCLUSIVE! SMALLVILLE: THE COMPLETE SERIES RETROSPECTIVE PREMIERE

During the war, Kanata was rescued by a female soldier and awestruck by the melody the women played on her trumpet. The child was so inspired that, as a young adult, she is determined to follow in that mysterious soldier's footsteps. Someday, Kanata hopes to recreate the feeling she had when she first heard that clear, golden sound.

SOUND OF THE SKY

A discussion around the pros and cons of popular 3D solutions used by professional animators and hobbyists, time saving tricks used by the pros, features you pay top dollar for but will never use, and the hottest new trends in the 3D including comic books, games and the mobile space. Speaker(s): Steve Cooper, Steve Yatson and Teyon Alexander.

SPEAKER SYNOPSIS: WORKING IN 3D – FROM IDEA CONCEPT TO MONEY MAKER

Drawing on nearly 50 years of Marvel comic books for inspiration, SPIDER-MAN Turn Off The Dark spins a new take on the web-slinger's

classic origin story. Daring, ground-breaking and spectacular, SPIDER-MAN is Broadway's most popular new show with jaw dropping thrills, music by Bono and The Edge of U2, remarkable sets, costumes and effects. All combining to bring to life the adventures of Peter Parker, Mary Jane and the Green Goblin. Writers Roberto Aguire-Sacasa (Marvel Comics' Sensational Spider-Man, Fox's Glee) and 2-time Emmy Award winner Glen Berger discuss the excitement and challenges of putting the show together. Joining them will be the production's set designers who will provide insight into their innovative designs, technology and special effects--many of which have never before been seen on a stage. Moderated by Marvel's Agent M, aka Marvel.com Editorial Director Ryan Penagos. Speaker(s): Agent M, Glen Berger and Roberto Aguire-Sacasa.

SPIDER-MAN TURN OFF THE DARK

Lucasfilm and Abrams Books host a panel on Star Wars Art: Comics, the new book that celebrates the best of Star Wars comics. Panelists, to be confirmed, are renown comic book artists Frank Quitely and Amanda Conner, as well as lauded comic book writer Dennis O'Neil. Moderated by NY Times bestselling author and Lucasfilm executive editor J. W. Rinzler and Abrams editor Eric Klopfer.

STAR WARS ART OF COMICS WITH JONATHAN RINZLER

New York Times best-selling author and Lucasfilm Executive Editor J.W. Rinzler (author of The Making of Star Wars) discusses his latest book--about the unsung heroes of the Star Wars movies: the production designers, set dressers, and draftsmen in UK art departments. Rinzler will show how they designed the iconic sets of the original trilogy and show exclusive photos--from Star Wars: The Blueprints. Special guest: Les Dilley, Academy Award winning art director of Star Wars. Speaker(s): J.W. Rinzler and Les Dilley.

STAR WARS: THE BLUEPRINTS BY J.W. RINZLER

Check online guide for further details on this panel.

**STAR WARS: THE OLD REPUBLIC – Q&A PANEL WITH
MMORPG.COM**

Get the latest news and announcements direct from Anime Network executives and staffers. Find out what titles are coming to Anime Network's various services this fall and preview a hot new release! Anime Network staffers will answer questions and host a special giveaway, with prizes courtesy of Section23 Films! Anime Network is a premier broadcast and digital distributor of Japanese animation and Asian cinema in North America. Headquartered in Houston, TX, Anime Network's services include cable/satellite Video OnDemand, online and mobile streaming, digital download and much more! Speaker(s): April Brem, Samantha Stevens and Stacy Dodson.

ANIME NETWORK INDUSTRY PANEL

Curious about steampunk? Want to learn more about the genre that is rapidly becoming the next big subculture trend? Then come join author and noted steampunk expert G. D. Falksen as he leads a panel discussing all things steampunk. This panel will cover the basics of the steampunk genre, its development as a subculture and fashion trend, and will also explore current developments in steampunk literature, fashion and related topics. There will be all manner of giveaways of many steampunk products at the end of this panel. Speaker(s): Art Donovan, Evelyn Kriete, G. D. Falksen, John Betancourt, Lauren Panepinto, Morgan Kollin and Peter Babcock.

STEAMPUNK 101

Steampunk traces its origins back to the science fiction of the 19th century, and the term itself was coined to describe a genre of Victorian sci-fi being written by modern authors. At the same time, steampunk and Victorian industrial age aesthetics have long held a great fascination for comic and manga artists of various backgrounds. This panel will discuss steampunk as a literary and artistic genre, examining steampunk's literary origins and early examples of steampunk in comic book medium, as well as modern examples from both mediums such as Jay Lake's

Mainspring, G. D. Falksen's Blood In The Skies, Alan Moore's The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, and Girl Genius by Phil and Kaja Foglio. The panel will also feature first looks at upcoming titles and give aways from leading publishers such as Wildside Press, Orbit Books, and Yen Press. Speaker(s): Evelyn Kriete, Fyodor A. Pavlov, G. D. Falksen, Jared Axelrod, Kate Locke, Lawrence Gullo, Mark Siegel and Tee Morris.

STEAMPUNK IN COMICS AND LITERATURE

A group of friends have hacked their microwave into a device that can send messages to the past. This discovery leads to dramatic changes to time, with only one man having memories of the way things were – and he must try to find a way to return past and present to the way they should be.

STEINS: GATE

Legendary Street Fighter producer, Yoshinori Ono will provide the latest update on the highly anticipated fighting game Street Fighter X Tekken - the ultimate fighting game team up! Come hear, firsthand, just what is in store for your favorite Street Fighter and Tekken characters in this explosive genre defining game. Street Fighter fans are encouraged to come in costume as Capcom deems Friday to be "Street Fighter Day"! Some lucky fans may be called onstage to demonstrate their mad fighting skills firsthand to win awesome prizes! Followed by a Q&A session plus some special surprises! Speaker(s): Yoshinori Ono.

STREET FIGHTER X TEKKEN

Sunrise Inc., the studio that brought you the Mobile Suit Gundam Series, the Code Geass Series, Cowboy Bebop, The Vision of Escaflowne and other groundbreaking anime series, will be holding an official panel for the very first time at NYCC this year. Masayuki Ozaki, the Executive Producer of the hit series Tiger & Bunny, now streaming at VIZ Anime.com will be appearing on-stage. He will be introducing footage from new and upcoming series and hold a Q&A to answer questions. Speaker(s): Masayuki Ozaki.

.SUNRISE

VIZ Media is proud to welcome Junko Takeuchi, the Japanese voice of Naruto, for a rare appearance at New York Comic Con! Here's your chance to get insight from Ms. Takeuchi and VIZ Media staff on the world's most popular ninja! Come dressed in NARUTO gear and you'll be eligible for a prize! Speaker(s): Junko Takeuchi.

NARUTO SHIPPUDEN PANEL

One hot night in Brooklyn, 'Tell Your Friends! The Concert Film!' captured performances from some of the country's best indie comedians, including Reggie Watts, Kurt Braunohler & Kristen Schaal, Christian Finnegan, and Liam McEaney. The film also includes interviews with Janeane Garofalo, Marc Maron, Paul F. Tompkins, and Jim Gaffigan. Speaker(s): Liam McEaney and Victor Varnado.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS! THE CONCERT FILM!

Join BioWare and members of the Dragon Age development team as they discuss the Dragon Age franchise with a special focus on the latest Dragon Age adventure Mark of the Assassin. Dragon Age team members will be on hand to answer questions on the latest Dragon Age DLC adventure and the Dragon Age franchise. Speaker(s): Chris Priestly, David Gaider, Heather Rabatich, John Epler and Mike Laidlaw.

DRAGON AGE - MARK OF THE ASSASSIN

Join authors Peter Brett, Naomi Novik, Lia Habel, C.E. Murphy, Scott Westerfeld, plus Del Rey Spectra editorial staff as they reveal strange and ominous projects in the works. Limited prizes to be awarded, while supplies last. Speaker(s): C.E. Murphy, Lia Habel, Naomi Novik, Peter Brett and Scott Westerfeld.

THE DEL REY SPECTRA STEAMPUNK ZOMBIE INVASION

Join Image Comics for a slew of exclusive announcements about upcoming projects, updates about ongoing projects, and a Q&A session

with some of the best creators working in comics. Don't miss your chance to find out about what we're up to before anyone else does and ask questions of your favorite creators! Panelists include Joshua Williamson (XENOHOLICS), Justin Jordan (THE STRANGE TALENT OF LUTHER STRODE), Landry Walker (DANGER CLUB), Joshua Hale Fialkov (ECHOES, LAST OF THE GREATS), G4's Blair Butler (HEART), and some surprise guests! Speaker(s): Blair Butler, Joshua Hale Fialkov, Joshua Williamson, Justin Jordan and Landry Walker.

IMAGE COMICS SHOW

Meet the editors behind Anime News Network. The ANN staff will discuss the challenges and rewards of running the world's most read anime and manga information website. The staff will also discuss upcoming projects and the site's future direction. This is an opportunity for readers to meet the ANN staff in person.

ANIME NEWS NETWORK

Natural kei is a highly underrated style here in the USA-- in fact it's often misidentified as lolita or morigirl-- but in Japan it's recognized as one of the biggest fashion trends of the 1980s. Many other street styles have borrowed from it but it remains in its own world, virtually untouched by the dictates of what is and isn't considered fashionable. Come find out the history and defining characteristics of this style, learn how to wear it and where to find it, and enjoy a natural kei fashion show! Speaker(s): Amanda Barkhorn, Amelia Merrill, Aria Todd, Bianca Senisi, Jean Masterson Kelsey Hine, Martha Taylor, Miakoda Van Kuykendall and Stephanie Stoehr.

NATURAL KEI: LITTLE PINK HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE

The Nerdologues is comprised of an ensemble of writers and performers that have been trained and performed at The Second City, Annoyance and iO comedy theaters in Chicago. They have been working together for over two years to create Nerd themed comedy shows with heart. The focus of their show is centered around true stories from the Nerds' lives. The

show also features comedic sketches that focus on what it is like living as a nerd. Namely, a lot of comic book and gaming humor. The show was created by Nerds for Nerds. Called “inspired” by the Chicago Tribune, they also called us “self aware, self-deprecating” and said the show “earns its title.” Well, yeah. The Nerdologues officially began in blistery winter of 2009. Intense writing and editing sessions led them to their first self produced show at Joone Studios in May of 2010 in Chicago. They sold out a 60 seat house for 5 weeks. They then decided to continue their journey and redevelop their original show and content to mount a second run aptly titled, Nerdologues: The Nerds Strike Back in July of 2010 at the Pub Theater. The show was extended an extra four weeks and finally wrapped in late August. The Nerds continued to produce more material and mounted a short run in Milwaukee in November at Comedy Sportz. The Nerds then reached back out into the community from whence they came and produced three shows at a small venue that focused on developing new work and giving other nerds an opportunity to share their stories. In the winter of 2011, they focused their efforts on a few short video sketches as well as performing in the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival in January of 2011 and the San Francisco Sketch Comedy Festival later in the same month. The group then produced a full length show at The Second City’s Donny’s Skybox in April of 2011. They are also appearing the Milwaukee Comedy Festival in early August. A few video sketches are still in the works including a filmed Dungeons and Dragons campaign. While producing their newest full length show, they also hold a monthly story-telling event called Your Stories at the Pub Theater in Chicago. Your Stories is an event that focuses on reaching out to other Nerds in the Chicago community and letting them share their stories. They are also applying for other upcoming sketch comedy and theatre fringe festivals. The cast and crew continue to meet, write and improvise together to plan their next wave of attacks. Speaker(s): Byron Hatfield, Chris Geiger, Claire Friedman, Eric Garneau, Jeremy Kanne, Joe Gennaro, Kevin Reader, Steve Persch and William Kenkel.

THE NERDOLOGUES

Creating your product is only half the work it takes to succeed in the comics industry. What about the other half that we don’t see as clearly after the product is released to the world? This panel will explore what it is like to be on the other side of the table, as a creator. We will discuss what it takes to exhibit at conventions, promote yourself, and gain a loyal audience - from the POV of professionals already behind the table. Join creators Raina Telgemeier (Smile, The Baby-Sitters Club), Reilly Brown (Amazing Spider-Man, Power Play), David Gallaher (High Moon, Box 13), and Carolyn Belefski (Curls, The Legettes) in this conversation, moderated by Joe Carabeo. Speaker(s): Carolyn Belefski, David Gallaher, Joe Carabeo, Raina Telgemeier and Reilly Brown.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TABLE: LESSONS FROM CREATORS

Come find out what is going on in the world of giant robots and tokusatsu! Learn about new shows, what’s coming over to America, and what to watch, play, and collect next. Meet up with other mecha fans and discuss the state of mecha in the present and future, and what makes it so great. Speaker(s): Bill, Jewels (mechafaux) and Todd.

THE STATE OF MECHA

Join Robert Kirkman (Creator/Writer of The Walking Dead comic) along with Greg Nicotero, Gale Anne Hurd, Norman Reedus, Steven Yeun, Chandler Riggs, Lauren Cohan, Laurie Holden and more from The Walking Dead... as they discuss the success of season one and what to look forward to in season two. The panel will also include a special sneak peek at the new season. The Walking Dead returns October 16 at 9/8c. Only on AMC. Speaker(s): Chandler Riggs, Gale Anne Hurd, Greg Nicotero, Jon Bernthal, Lauren Cohan, Laurie Holden, Norman Reedus, Robert Kirkman and Steven Yeun.

AMC'S THE WALKING DEAD

Join us for an insider's look at the hot new anime TIGER & BUNNY, now streaming straight from Japan on VIZanime.com! Don't miss the opportunity to get the scoop from Masayuki Ozaki, the show's co-creator and Executive Producer at Sunrise in a can't-miss interview with VIZ Media. Speaker(s): Masayuki Ozaki.

TIGER & BUNNY

In a world of comic book icons, comic superstar Todd McFarlane, and his creation Spawn, have clearly stood the test of time. Hear what McFarlane and his creative team have in store for Spawn and his newest title, Haunt. Find out the latest news and behind-the-scenes scoop on your McFarlane Toys' figures including The Walking Dead TV & Comic, HALO, and NFL, MLB, NHL & NBA sports lines. Find out what's in store for this cutting-edge toy company! Also, get an exciting "first look" at McFarlane.com Collector's Club exclusives figures and resin statues, featuring franchise properties with worldwide name recognition. Finally, McFarlane discusses the artistic process of creating a massive fantasy epic in the all-new role-playing videogame, Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning. Plus special surprise guests and Q&A session to follow. Speaker(s): Joe Casey, Jon Goff, Nathan Fox and Todd McFarlane.

MCFARLANE: THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

What was it like to be targeted by the Nazi party? What was Stan Lee like as a teenage kid? How did it feel to have your comics torn apart by a Congressional committee--on live television!? And what was the real origin of the Red Skull? These secrets and more, revealed by the man who lived them--Joe Simon, co-creator of Captain America, first editor at Marvel Comics, creator of Sick magazine, and a genuine living legend. Joe turned 98 years old on October 11, and this is his only appearance at a comic book convention. So come out and wish him a happy birthday! Speaker(s): Joe Simon.

JOE SIMON: MY LIFE IN COMICS

The most important audio recording released in the nineties wasn't a collection of songs by a self-tortured musician. In fact, it was SHUT UP LITTLE MAN!, a covert audio recording of two older drunken men living in a small flat in San Francisco, who spent their available free time yelling, screaming, hitting and generally abusing each other. The phenomenon began in 1987 when Eddie and Mitch (two young punks from the Midwest), moved next door to Peter Haskett (a flamboyant gay man), and Raymond Huffman (a raging homophobe). This ultimate odd-couple hated each other with raging abandon, and through the paper-thin walls their alcohol-fuelled rants terrorized Eddie and Mitch. Fearing for their lives they began to tape record evidence of the insane goings on from next door. In recording Peter and Raymond's unique dialogue, the boys accidentally created one of the world's first 'viral' pop-culture sensations. Their tapes went on to inspire a cult following, spawning sell-out CD's, artwork by Dan Clowes, stage-plays, music from the likes of Devo and a Hollywood feeding frenzy. For the newly famous Eddie and Mitchell, this would be a life-changing experience that would see them ingested into the belly and fired out the orifice of the pop culture beast. Exploring the blurring boundaries between privacy, art and exploitation, SHUT UP LITTLE MAN! AN AUDIO MISADVENTURE is a darkly hilarious story that can't be missed.

SHUT UP LITTLE MAN! AN AUDIO MISADVENTURE

The U Cre-8 Comics line is an innovative approach to combining comics and the classroom. With a mix of both literary and visual arts instruction, the U Cre-8 line builds an appreciation for creative expression as well as an interest in reading. The Character Crafter Workbook has students use an application process to make their own comic creations from the ground up, much in the same characters are created in the comic book industry. Speaker(s): Victor Dandridge.

U CRE-8 COMICS

From the company who brought you the best in Anime including Durarara!!, Black Butler, Fullmetal Alchemist, Gurren Lagann and Blue Exorcist to name a few. Ask any fan to name his or her favorite anime show and chances are likely that it's an Aniplex produced show. Aniplex of America is a subsidiary of Aniplex Inc. headquartered in Tokyo. Aniplex is the leading provider of anime content, music production and distribution in Japan. From the Latest Anime to Special Announcements, come and join us to see what Aniplex of America has in store just for the fans. We will have giveaways and some rare prizes from hit Aniplex titles including Madoka Magica and Blue Exorcist. This panel will also feature special guests including the Executive Producer of Blue Exorcist, Hideo Katsumata. The President of Aniplex, Koichiro Natsume, will also be at the panel to give the fans a special greeting. www.AniplexUSA.com. www.Youtube.com/AniplexUS. Speaker(s): Hideo Katsumata and Koichiro Natsume.

ANIPLEX OF AMERICA PANEL

The wait's almost over as the much anticipated followup to last year's monster fighting hit is only a month from launch. Come to this panel to hear the latest news about this legendary fighting game franchise straight from producer Ryota Niitsuma. Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes peek as well as a chance to come onstage to showcase your fighting skills against each other for fantastic prizes. Followed by a Q&A session. Speaker(s): Chris Baker, Francis Mao, Miguel Corty, Riota Niitsuma and Seth Killian.

ULTIMATE MARVEL VS CAPCOM 3

"Unicorn City" follows the life of Voss (Devin McGinn), a passionate Dungeons and Dragons gamer whose life both on and off the gaming tables constantly finds him rolling a "1". Banished from the realm of a table-top game created by local comic book shop proprietor Shadow Hawk (Jon Gries - Napoleon Dynamite), Voss is faced with the financial pressures of living in the real world and paying bills. When a managerial job offer with a big gaming company hinges on his proven ability to lead, Voss calls

upon his fellow gamers to shed the shackles of Shadow Hawk's tyranny and live out their fantasies in a utopia dubbed "Unicorn City." Telling only fellow gamer Marsha (Jaclyn Hales) that Unicorn City's existence is solely for potential employment opportunity, he convinces the remainder of his followers to live as their characters would. Conflict presents itself in the form of battles with his brother Clancy over a pvc-pipe swore, the Holy Avenger, over-aggressive local police officers, Marsha's romantic crush that goes sadly unnoticed by Voss, and Shadow Hawk, who attempts to take over Unicorn City. Will Voss be able to conquer the demons plaguing him both within and outside Unicorn City's borders? Or will his selfishness finally catch up with him, leaving him in worse shape than ever?

UNICORN CITY

This panel is a testament to the diversity and specialization of the manga market in Japan. Thanks to the popularity of manga in the United States, many of the titles I cover are now available in English. As someone who dislikes superhero comics, I'm amazed at the scope and the breadth of manga titles available. My PowerPoint presentation is broken down into broad categories - "Regular Sports" (manga about track and field) "Unusual Sports" (Hikaru No Go, golf titles), "Quasi-Sports" (fishing manga, yo-yo manga), "Manga for Girls" (ballet manga, pet manga), "Manly Manga" (Pachinko Manga, Mah-Jong Manga), "Food Manga" (Yakitate Japan, Bambino) and the "Uncategorizable" (manga about tasting junk food, manga about Jesus and Buddha living as roommates). Speaker(s): Erin Finnegan and Noah Fulmor.

UNUSUAL MANGA GENRES

Show creators Jackson Publick and Doc Hammer, perennial Comic-Con favorites, will discuss their original series and answer questions that have been submitted by fans on AdultSwimPresents.com/NYCC. Speaker(s): Doc Hammer and Jackson Publick.

The Venture Bros

Vertical, Inc., one of North America's premiere publishers of Japanese printed pop-culture returns to New York Comic Con to reveal a handful of new additions to what is already a critically acclaimed comic catalog. Curating one of the more eclectic and challenging manga lists Vertical will continue to ask its readers to read differently with titles such as Chi's Sweet Home, GTO and Osamu Tezuka's Princess Knight. What will join those ranks? Join us and find out!

VERTICAL, INC. INDUSTRY PANEL

Join the writers and artists behind the acclaimed and award-winning brand for a panel about the weird, the wild and the always unexpected with all-star talent including Jason Aaron (Scalped), Brian Azzarello (Spaceman, 100 Bullets), Rebecca Guay (A Flight of Angels), Phil Jimenez (Fairest), Jeff Lemire (Sweet Tooth), Chris Roberson (iZOMBIE), Douglas Rushkoff (A.D.D.), Marzena Sowa (Marzi), Sylvain Savoia (Marzi), Scott Snyder (American Vampire), and introducing some new Vertigo blood! Speaker(s): Brian Azzarello, Chris Roberson, Douglas Rushkoff, Jason Aaron, Jeff Lemire, Marzena Sowa, Phil Jimenez, Rebecca Guay, Scott Snyder and Sylvain Savoia.

VERTIGO VISIONS

Join Vertigo's monthly writers as they discuss vampires, zombies, the apocalypse and more, with top creators including Brian Azzarello (Spaceman), Jeff Lemire (Sweet Tooth), Chris Roberson (iZOMBIE), Scott Snyder (American Vampire), and introducing some new Vertigo blood! Speaker(s): Brian Azzarello, Chris Roberson, Jeff Lemire and Scott Snyder.

VERTIGO: SCARY ST!**

VIZ Media's 25th Anniversary celebrations continue with a special panel packed with exciting news on upcoming releases and prizes for our fans! VIZ Media staff will provide the latest updates on new acquisitions and upcoming releases, as well as give the scoop on groundbreaking new projects!

VIZ MEDIA

A female pilot tries to keep in touch with her boyfriend on Earth while she races through space using only cell phone text messages. The farther away they get from each other, the longer it takes for the text messages to reach between the lovers. A special screening of this Makoto Shinkai film.

VOICES OF A DISTANT STAR

The art of wand dueling is a centuries old practice that has unfortunately fallen on the wayside in today's modern wizarding curriculum. Join The Group That Shall Not Be Named, Harry Potter NYC as their top wand dueling instructor demonstrates several of the offensive and defensive positions most frequently employed in duels. Many of these can be seen being used in the now famous Harry Potter Documentary films. Translation for Muggles: Dueling in the Harry Potter films was a carefully choreographed form of theatrical combat. HP-NYC will demonstrate and instruct participants in several of the dueling moves that the actors used. Bring your own wand if you prefer, if not, training wands will be provided. Speaker(s): Cassandra Johnstone, Christine Evans, Clay Dockery and Jonathon Rosenthal.

WAND DUELING

In February 2011, the closing of New York City's last arcade, Chinatown Fair, marked the end of an era. Not a single coin-operated arcade was left in Manhattan, yet a community of dedicated gamers with no where to go remained. Are arcades a relic from the past? The question was answered with the opening of Next Level, an arcade for gamers by gamers, in Brooklyn. What is the role of arcades now that gaming has shifted to the home console and online play? Panelists Seth Killian (Street Fighter legend, Capcom PR), Henry Cen (co-founder of Next Level arcade), Norman Burgess (longtime Chinatown Fair regular), Jamin Warren (journalist and co-founder of Kill Screen Magazine), and Kurt Vincent (director of the upcoming documentary ARCADE) will discuss the subject, and hold a Q&A. After which a trailer for ARCADE will be premiered. Speaker(s): Henry Cen and Jamin Warren, Kurt Vincent, Norman Burgess and Seth Killian.

MEET ME AT THE ARCADE

Beware the women of Sci-Fi/Fantasy...and their kick-ass heroines. Danger just might be these girls' middle names. But no amount of bad guys can keep these ladies from doing what's right. Whether standing up for friends and family, or just plain kicking some ass, these girls don't shy away from a fight. Femmes Fatales on the panel include: Patricia Briggs; Alison Goodman, Kim Harrison; Jeaniene Frost; Marjorie M. Liu, Sabrina Benulis and Kristen Painter. Speaker(s): Alison Goodman, Jeaniene Frost, Kim Harrison, Kristen Painter, Marjorie M. Liu, Patricia Briggs and Sabrina Benulis.

WE'RE NO ANGELS: LEADING LADIES OF SF/F

Long a staple of the SF/F genre, epic fantasy is poised to take a coup over the bestseller lists, thanks in part to HBO's fantastically popular series based upon George R.R. Martin's "Game of Thrones" novel. This summer saw signing lines hundreds of readers deep (luckily none with swords in hand) for #1 New York Times bestselling author Patrick Rothfuss' American appearance. Now, in a special spotlight session exclusive to New York Comic Con, we pair internationally bestselling author Brandon Sanderson, Peter Brett, Phillipa Ballantine and epic fantasy debut authors Rae Carson, David Chandler and Nils Johnson-Shelton talk about why swords and sorcerers, king-makers and kingslayers; dragons and high drama have renewed resonance in fiction. Speaker(s): Brandon Sanderson, David Chandler, Nils Johnson-Shelton, Peter Brett, Philippa Ballantine and Rae Carson.

WINTER IS HERE: EPIC FANTASY TAKES THE THRONE

Sometimes a simple idea hits at just the right time and place. Renae de Liz's desire to give back to the comics community and give women creators of all abilities a chance to be published turned into one of the most successful and anticipated Kickstarter projects ever. Panelists discuss the development and drive to create Womanthology, the creators and contributors, social media support, and the future of this project. Speaker(s): Bonnie Burton, Camilla d'Errico, Laura Morley, Mariah Huehner,

Nicole Falk, Renae DeLiz and Suzannah Rowntree.

WOMANTHOLOGY

Capcom continues to entertain its fans with the best games in the industry. Fans won't want to miss this opportunity to learn firsthand about Capcom's newest hit properties, Dragon's Dogma and Asura's Wrath, as well as the latest on the just released Dead Rising 2: Off the Record. Followed by a Q&A session. Speaker(s): Francis Mao, Jason Leigh, Mike Schmitt and Robert Tunick.

WORLD OF CAPCOM

Award Winning Creator Andi Green will be doing a reading of her latest kids book release Wince:The Monster of Worry. A "Color a Woo" session where kids are given character based coloring pages of entire 5 book and plush line! Speaker(s): Andi Green.

"DRAW A WOO" AND READING WITH AUTHOR ANDI GREEN

The Yen Press crew -- publishing director Kurt Hassler, senior editor JuYoun Lee, and assistant editors Tania Biswas and Abby Blackman -- unveil exciting new projects and take questions from the audience. Also immediately following the panel, creators Svetlana Chmakova and Rem will be hosting a special autographing session to sign copies of their latest works at Autographing Table 1. Svetlana will be signing copies of her new adaptation of renown author James Patterson's WITCH & WIZARD while Rem will be signing limited edition comics featuring the first chapter of her adaptation of New York Times bestselling author Gail Carriger's SOULLESS! Speaker(s): Abby Blackman, JuYoun Lee, Kurt Hassler, Svetlana Chmakova and Tania Biswas.

YEN PRESS

Get a sneak peak of a work-in-progress Syfy Original Movie! Six months after a deadly zombie virus spreads around the world, 99% of the population is infected; and things don't look good for those who are left.

Defying the odds, a ragtag group of survivors fights their way across the American continent, risking everything to get to the California coast and Catalina Island, rumored to be a safe haven. Starring Ving Rhames (Dawn of the Dead), Lesly-Ann Brandt (Spartacus: Blood and Sand), Taryn Manning (Hustle and Flow; 8 Mile); Johnny Pacar (Make It or Break It, Flight 29 Down), Gary Weeks (Deadland) and Eddie Steeples (My Name is Earl). Directed by Nick Lyon. A production of The Asylum. A Syfy Channel world premiere original movie. Airs on the Syfy Channel on Saturday, October 29th at 9pm.

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

We all know it's just a matter of time, so Sirius XM Satellite Radio has convened a panel of experts to help you survive the inevitable zombie apocalypse. Do you head for mall or run for the hills? Is a blunt weapon a better choice than (say) a flamethrower? And what to do with those pesky infected friends and loved ones? With one eye on the rise of zombie lit and the other running down our face - err, the other on what you'll need to do to avoid becoming zombie chow, the Zombie Summit is the only panel you'll need to attend- if you want to survive! Speaker(s): Dr Ali Khan, Gale Anne Hurd, Greg Nicotero, Robert Kirkman and Scott Allie.

ZOMBIE SUMMIT: HOW TO SURVIVE THE INEVITABLE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

What does it take to create a great indie graphic novel? Here's your chance to get the inside track! Join Archaia editor-in-chief Stephen Christy and Chief Creative Officer Mark Smylie as they host special guests for an informative panel on what goes into the production of a full-length graphic novel, including the steps from concept to writing, design to production, to self-publishing or submitting your graphic novel for publication. If you've ever wanted to know what it takes to make an amazing-looking book, this is the panel to attend! Guests include Michael Lapinski (Feeding Ground), Jim McCann (Return of the Dapper Men), Chad Michael Murray (Everlast) and David Petersen (Mouse Guard). (PLEASE NOTE: This is not a forum

for portfolio reviews or submissions.) Speaker(s): Chad Michael Murray, David Petersen, Jim McCann, Mark Smylie, Michael Lapinski and Stephen Christy.

ARCHAIA ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS: HOW TO MAKE A GREAT INDIE GRAPHIC NOVEL

This year Sonic celebrates his 20th anniversary and for 19 of those years, Archie has crafted an epic and exciting comic universe around Sonic the Hedgehog and the many wonderful characters that populate the universe of the SEGA character, recently taking the Blue Blur back to his video game roots in a story arc appropriately titled, "Genesis." As if that wasn't enough blue, this panel also highlights the top selling Mega Man series featuring the Blue Bomber's compelling, detailed universe based on the best-selling video game series. Join writer Ian Flynn (Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, Mega Man), artist Patrick "Spaz" Spaziante (Sonic the Hedgehog, Mega Man), Editor Paul Kaminski (Sonic, Mega Man), Archie President Mike Pellerito and Executive Director of Publicity and Marketing Alex Segura for a discussion that promises to be full of big Sonic and Mega Man news, teasers, artwork and more! Speaker(s): Alex Segura, Ian Flynn, Mike Pellerito, Patrick "Spaz" Spaziante and Paul Kaminski.

ARCHIE VIDEO GAMES: SONIC AND MEGA MAN

Archie Comics continues to blaze trails across all platforms, including print, digital and beyond! Join Archie Co-CEO Jon Goldwater, President Mike Pellerito, Editor in Chief Victor Gorelick, iVerse's Michael Murphey, Licensing Coordinator Kari Silbergleit, comic historian Craig Yoe (The Best of Archie's Madhouse) superstar creator Dan Parent (Kevin Keller) and Executive Director of Publicity and Marketing Alex Segura (Archie Meets Kiss) for a look into the future of Archie stories including the forthcoming Archie Meets Kiss crossover and a number of major announcements! Join us for special guest stars, exclusive sneak peeks and much more! All panel attendees will receive giveaway bags with over \$100 worth of content including BEST OF ARCHIE, ARCHIE THE MARRIED LIFE Vol. 1, MEGA MAN

and SONIC comics!! Speaker(s): Alex Segur, Craig Yoe, Dan Parent, Jon Goldwater, Kari Silbergleit, Michael Murphey, Mike Pellerito and Victor Gorelick.

ARCHIE COMICS: RIVERDALE AND BEYOND

Comic creators Art and Franco take the stage for an old fashioned showdown. Learn from the pros as they sketch and draw in a contest against the audience and each other. Speaker(s): Art Baltazar and Franco Aureliani.

TINY TITANS WITH ART AND FRANCO

From the producers of Shaun of the Dead, winner of the Audience Award for Midnighters at 2011 SXSW and one of the best reviewed films of 2011, ATTACK THE BLOCK is a fast, funny, frightening action adventure movie that pits a teen street gang against an invasion of savage alien monsters. Join writer/director JOE CORNISH and star JOHN BOYEGA for a first look at the ATTACK THE BLOCK Blu-ray and DVD, coming October 25th.

ATTACK THE BLOCK

A tale of two people, Tono Takaki and Shinohara Akari, who were close friends but gradually grow farther and farther apart as time moves on. Years pass and the rift between them grows ever larger. However, Takaki remembers the times they have shared together, and he wonders if he will be given the chance to meet Akari again as the tale embarks on Takaki's realization of the world and people around him. A special screening of this Makoto Shinkai film.

5 CM PER SECOND

Bandai Entertainment is a premiere distributor of Japanese animation in North America. Their 2011 releases include: Star Driver, Tekken: Blood Vengeance, K-ON!, Gundam Unicorn, The Disappearance of Haruhi Suzumiya Movie, and Gundam 00 the Movie: Awakening of the Trailblazer, among others. Join Bandai Entertainment's President Ken Iyadomi and

Marketing staff Robert Napton and Loy Fruel for this informative hour that will feature news, trailers, Q&A, and a few giveaways! Speaker(s): Ken Iyadomi, Loy Fruel and Robert Napton.

BANDAI ENTERTAINMENT

Have an awesome graphic novel or comic book but not sure how to get it published? Don't wait for a big publisher to decide your fate! There's never been a better time to self-publish, and tools like Kickstarter can be a great way to connect with fans, handle pre-orders, and cover the costs of publishing and distributing your comic book masterpiece. Kickstarter is the largest funding platform for creative projects in the world, and collectively, users have pledged over \$90 million to projects in creative fields like comics, games, film, music, art, and more. We've gathered together a group of seasoned pros and new faces in the comic book industry to talk about how to run successful Kickstarter campaigns, from putting together an awesome pitch video, to creating tantalizing rewards and communicating with fans. This session will be moderated by Cindy Au (Community Director at Kickstarter) with special guests Jeremy Bastian and Thomas Negovan (Cursed Pirate Girl), Jimmy Palmiotti (Jonah Hex, Deadpool, Painkiller Jane, Queen Crab), Renae De Liz (The Last Unicorn, Womanthology), and Joey Esposito (Footprints, comics editor at IGN). Speaker(s): Cindy Au, Jeremy Bastian, Jimmy Palmiotti, Joey Esposito, Renae DeLiz and Thomas Negovan.

BE YOUR OWN PUBLISHER: MAKING COMICS WITH KICKSTARTER

In 1993, Mike Judge (creator of "Beavis and Butthead") and MTV knocked their heads together and launched a cartoon series starring a couple of lunkheads and unwittingly started an animated pop culture revolution! Now, Beavis and Butthead are coming back to MTV in 2011 to unleash upon music videos, Jersey Shore, mixed-martial arts, viral videos and more! MIKE JUDGE'S BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD premieres October 27th at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT on MTV. Speaker(s): Mike Judge.

MTV PRESENTS MIKE JUDGE'S BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD

Cartoon Network's top animated action heroes - Ben 10 and Generator Rex - team up for an exciting panel at New York Comic Con...and for an out-of-this-world adventure! Be the first of your friends to see the exclusive world premiere screening of the upcoming "Ben 10 / Generator Rex: Heroes United" crossover special event before it airs this fall on Cartoon Network! Join series stars as they greet fans, answer questions, plus other fun surprises!

BEN 10 / GENERATOR REX: HEROES UNITED SCREENING AND Q&A

Preview and discussion of upcoming documentary feature Better Things: The Life and Choices of Jeffrey Catherine Jones. Using interviews with Jones and a wide range of family, friends and colleagues, the film explores the late artist's fascinating, challenging life and unique journey through the worlds of comics, illustration and fine art.

BETTER THINGS DOCUMENTARY

Hey, you, comics geek...want a real challenge? The ultimate trivia spectacular is coming to Comic Con, and it wants to see how smart you really are. The Big Quiz Thing, New York's favorite live quiz show, presents four rounds of the world's greatest multimedia team trivia, on comics, movies, sci fi, TV and all that other stuff you know so well, for big prizes and big glory. Hosted by quizmaster Noah Tarnow. For more on the Big Quiz Thing, visit bigquizthing.com.

BIG QUIZ THING

Join Bill Amend, creator of FoxTrot as he talks about his work/career and shows slides of strips in this spotlight panel. Speaker(s): Bill Amend.

BILL AMEND, CREATOR OF FOXTROT

Aniplex of America presents the hit Anime series Blue Exorcist at NYCC. This screening features the first 2 episodes of the series subtitled.

Executive Producer of Blue Exorcist Hideo Katsumata will also be at the screening to give the fans a special greeting. Rin Okumura and his twin brother Yukio have been raised by Shiro Fujimoto, an eminent priest, so it comes as a shock when Rin discovers their biological father is actually Satan! As the border between "Assiah" (the human world) and "Gehenna" (the demon world) is crossed by evil, Rin vows to become the ultimate exorcist and defeat his own father. To hone his raw skills, Rin enters True Cross Academy to train with other exorcist candidates. www.BlueExorcist.com www.AniplexUSA.com

BLUE EXORCIST SCREENING (BY ANIPLEX OF AMERICA)

In this riveting and gritty psychological-thriller, a young Brooklyn boy witnesses the brutal murder of his mother and grows up obsessed with finding her killer. Thus begins his life as a quiet, straight-A student by day and a self-appointed hero at night. But what is a real hero? And who decides what is right or wrong? As the boundaries blur, Sean's dual life wears on his psyche and his two worlds careen dangerously close to colliding. Like a graphic novel you can't put down, Boy Wonder challenges morality, distorting perceptions of what is right and what is justified, as it races to its shocking conclusion.

BOY WONDER

Meet some of the industry's top editors. Learn what it takes to break into comics and stay in from an all-star editorial panel. Mike Marts – Batman line editor at DC comics, former X-Men line editor Stuart Moore – Former Marvel and DC Comics editor. Plus a surprise editorial addition, not yet announced. Host: Buddy Scalera of Comic Book School. Speaker(s): Buddy Scalera, Mike Marts and Stuart Moore..

EDITORS ON EDITING

Since its inception in 2005, the Byakkokan Dojo has upheld the style of Toyama Ryu Battodo. These techniques were made for practical battlefield use with the Japanese sword and is practiced through forms and test cutting. We welcome everyone to come watch and ask questions

afterwards. Speaker(s): Alyssa Valdez, Alex Odell, Andy Roman, Christopher Fung, Daniel Park, Erika Tsang, Henry Kim, Henry Kim, Ivan Slavov, Lea Feng, Lisa Su, Matt Odell, Naoko Suzuki and Paul T.

BYAKKOKAN DOJO

Cartoon slide shows created and performed by some of New York's best alternative cartoonists. Featuring: Emily Flake ("Lulu Eightball") Danny Hellman ("Typhon") Sam Henderson ("The Magic Whistle") Michael Kupperman ("Tales Designed to Thrizzle") and more! Hosted by R. Sikoryak ("Masterpiece Comics"). Speaker(s): Danny Hellman, Emily Flake, Michael Kupperman, R. Sikoryak and Sam Henderson.

CAROUSEL

Earlier this year the Comics Code Authority closed its doors forever, ending an era of self-censorship where comics were stigmatized in the general culture. Though the threats that brought about the Comics Code are the stuff of history books, real threats to comics are still present in the courts in the United States and abroad. CBLDF Executive Director Charles Brownstein delivers a gripping history of comics censorship from the 50s to today, and talks about life after the Code. Speaker(s): Charles Brownstein.

CBLDF: CENSORSHIP THEN & NOW

The tabloids frequently publish stories of celebrities encountering ghosts in haunted houses or on the set of movies, but rarely do the celebrities themselves speak out. Based on his extensive experience interviewing them, national pop culture expert Aaron Sagers reveals their haunted stories - as told by the celebrities! There's no "as told by a friend" here. Instead, in this multimedia presentation, listen to revealing tales from: Nicolas Cage, Dan Aykroyd, Dave Grohl, Ke\$ha, Ace Frehley, Mike Mignola and many more! Speaker(s): Aaron Sagers.

CELEBRITY GHOST STORIES: FACT, FICTION AND PREVIOUSLY UNTOLD TALES IN PARANORMAL POP CULTURE

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Please join us and former CGC president Steve Borock for the 1st Annual Charity Art Auction at New York Comic Con! Come on down and bid with other art enthusiasts for the chance to own a piece of original art from some of your favorite creators including Adam Hughes, Mike Mignola, Ivan Reis, Leinil Francis Yu, David Mack, Francis Manapul, Frank Quietly, Joe Prado, Michael Golden, Greg Horn, Paolo Rivera, Scott Kolins, Whilce Portacio and Tony Moore! All proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and your participation in this event will help support lifesaving research and treatment for the children of St. Jude. HAVE FUN. GET ART. SAVE LIVES. Speaker(s): Steve Borock.

NYCC CHARITY AUCTION

Lucas Licensing's Senior Manager of Global Product Development, Chris Spitale, moderates a STAR WARS collectibles panel, previewing the latest offerings from eFX, Gentle Giant Studios, Kotobukiya, and Sideshow Collectibles. Speaker(s): Chris Spitale.

STAR WARS COLLECTIBLES WITH CHRIS SPITALE

We've had a big year here at Comedy Central. So big, in fact, we'd like to give back to the fans by celebrating South Park's Year of the Fan! We might be showing exclusive video outtakes from 6 Days To Air: The Making of South Park and we have another BIG surprise! As if that's not enough, brush up on your South Park Trivia for a chance to win exclusive South Park memorabilia or just drop by for some free Cheesy Poofs. Recommended for mature audiences.

COMEDY CENTRAL

Chris Powell, General Manager & CRO of Lone Star Comics / mycomicshop.com, leads this discussion of best practices for in-store events. Chris manages a chain of 6 stores in north Texas, each with a full calendar of events every month. He will share some tips and tricks on running and

promoting events, including advertising events through social media and online calendars, and in-store event management. Speaker(s): Chris Powell

COMICSPRO: GETTING PEOPLE IN THE DOOR : PLANNING & PROMOTION OF IN-STORE EVENTS

Panelists: Charles Kochman - editorial director, Abrams ComicArts, Susan VanMeter senior vice president and publisher, Abrams ComicArts and Books for Young Readers Abrams ComicArts: For over 60 years Abrams has been the premiere art book publisher. With the launch of Abrams ComicArts in 2009, the tradition of excellence continues with award-winning original graphic novels by Brian Fies, Jason Shiga, and Barry Deutsch, as well as monographs on such seminal creators as Jack Kirby, Harvey Kurtzman, and Jaime Hernandez. Join Charles Kochman (editorial director) and Susan Van Meter (publisher) for a conversation about their current list and a slide show revealing details and images from their upcoming collaborations with Dan Clowes, Derf Backderf, Kazu Kibuishi, and Dave McKean, as well as other projects and surprise guests. Speaker(s): Charles Kochman and Susan Van Meter.

ABRAMS COMICARTS PANEL

Brett Parker, co-owner of Double Midnight Comics in Manchester, NH, presents a customer service workshop based on systems developed through years of research and application in retail. Great for new retailers looking to develop their skills or for veterans who want to add more to their employee training, this can help retailers of all levels to improve the in-store experience for their customers. Speaker(s): Brett Parker.

COMICSPRO: THE ART OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

Digital comics are a growing segment of the comic industry that comic fans, retailers and publishers have embraced. From self-publishing to same-day-as-print sales, retailer Digital Storefronts, mobile comics and more, comiXology is leading the digital charge. Join the cofounders of comiXology, David Steinberger and John D. Roberts, along with some special guests as we discuss in an open discussion each topic. All topics

are game! Speaker(s): David Steinberger and John D. Roberts.

COMIXOLOGY OPEN DISCUSSION: EVERYTHING DIGITAL!

Meet the stars of Conan the Barbarian: Jason Momoa, Rose McGowan and Stephan Lang in this spotlight panel. Speaker(s): Jason Momoa, Rose McGowan and Stephen Lang.

CONAN SPOTLIGHT WITH JASON MOMOA, STEPHEN LANG & ROSE MCGOWAN

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COSTUME CONTEST

Join Dark Horse Senior Managing Editor, Scott Allie, and Director of Public Relations, Jeremy Atkins, for a look at all that the publisher has on tap for the coming year. In addition to news on all of the hot new fall titles like Orchid, The Strain and House of Night, we look to 2012 for a sneak peak at what fans can expect in not only the company's flagship anthology, but exclusive for fans of Star Wars, Avatar: The Last Airbender, and more! Guests include: Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine, Orchid), Brian Wood (DMZ, Northlanders, The Massive), Carla Speed-McNeil (Finder), and more! Speaker(s): Brian Wood, Carla Speed-McNeil, Jeremy Atkins, Scott Allie and Tom Morello.

DARK HORSE PRESENTS: 25 YEARS OF PUBLISHING AND BEYOND

Hermes Press celebrates the new Tim Burton/Johnny Depp production of Dark Shadows with the premiere, a ComicCon exclusive, of our third volume of our Dark Shadows classic series comic book reprint. On hand at the booth on Friday and Saturday will be Dark Shadows star Kathryn Leigh Scott for signings (times listed at the booth). Also being premiered and available at ComicCon will be Volume One of our classic Gold Key Phantom reprint and the first volume of our complete Johnny Hazard reprint. Last but not least we'll be premiering our definitive Brenda Starr reprint. Speaker(s): Daniel Herman, Jim Pierson, Kathryn Leigh Scott and Lara Parker.

HERMES PRESS/DARK SHADOWS THE CLASSIC SERIES AND THE NEW JOHNNY DEPP/TIM BURTON FILM

Dash Shaw is the cartoonist of the telepathy comedy "BodyWorld" (Pantheon Books, 2010) and the surreal family comedy "Bottomless Belly Button" (Fantagraphics, 2008.) He is also the animator/director of IFC's "The Unclothed Man in the 35th Century A.D." series that's streaming online at ifc.com and in DVD form in "Wholphin" Vol. 13. He currently lives in Brooklyn, where he's working on another comic book and an animated feature, "Shell," produced by John Cameron Mitchell, Howard Gertler, and Biljana Labovic, which recently attended the Sundance Screenwriter and Director Labs. Join him on this spotlight panel! Speaker(s): Dash Shaw.

SPOTLIGHT ON DASH SHAW

Join series star Chris Elliott and co-star Maria Thayer, along with executive producers Jason Woliner, Andrew Weinberg and Michael Koman, as they discuss the live-action comedy Eagleheart and show never-before-seen footage. Produced by Conan O'Brien's Conaco Productions and Dakota Pictures, the series premiered in February and recently wrapped production of its second season. Speaker(s): Andrew Weinberg, Chris Elliott, Jason Woliner, Maria Thayer, Michael Koman.

EAGLEHEART

Find out everything you need to know about the Dark Knight Detective and his cohorts in the new DC universe—from Batwoman to Batgirl to Robin, the Boy Wonder! Explore the streets of Gotham City with all-star creators such as Lee Bermejo (Batman: Noel), Chris Burnham (Batman Inc.), Tony Daniel (Detective Comics), David Finch (The Dark Knight), Greg Capullo (Batman), Kyle Higgins (Nightwing), Amy Reeder (Batwoman), Scott Snyder (Batman), and Peter J. Tomasi (Batman and Robin)! Speaker(s): Amy Reeder, Chris Burnham, David Finch, Greg Capullo, Kyle Higgins, Lee Bermejo, Peter J. Tomasi and Scott Snyder.

DC ALL ACCESS: BATMAN

In Brightest Day, in Blackest Night, the minds behind the Green Lantern franchise take flight—onto the stage to shed some light on the Emerald Warriors! Join the Corps with DC Entertainment Chief Creative Officer and Green Lantern writer Geoff Johns, along with Tony Bedard (Green Lantern: New Guardians), writer Peter Tomasi (Green Lantern Corps) and more! Speaker(s): Geoff Johns, Peter J. Tomasi and Tony Bedard.

DC ALL ACCESS: GREEN LANTERN

Before they were the World's Greatest Superheroes, they were considered the world's most feared vigilantes. Join some of the creators of the new DC universe in a panel discussion headlined by the creative team behind the flagship title of DC COMICS – THE NEW 52 — DC Entertainment Chief Creative Officer Geoff Johns and DC Comics Co-Publisher Jim Lee. Including all-star creators such as Brian Azzarello (Wonder Woman), Brian Buccellato (The Flash), Cliff Chiang (Wonder Woman), Yildiray Cinar (The Fury of Firestorm), Tony Daniel (Detective Comics, The Savage Hawkman), Dan Jurgens (Justice League International), JT Krul (Captain Atom), Francis Manapul (The Flash), Joe Prado (Aquaman), Ivan Reis (Aquaman), Philip Tan (The Savage Hawkman) and Eric Wallace (Mr. Terrific). Speaker(s): Brian Azzarello, Brian Buccellato, Cliff Chiang, Dan Jurgens, Eric Wallace, Francis Manapul, Geoff Johns, Ivan Reis, Jim Le, JT Krul, Philip Tan, Tony Daniel and Yildiray Cinar.

DC ALL ACCESS: JUSTICE LEAGUE

As Co-Publishers of DC Entertainment, Jim Lee and Dan DiDio are the driving forces behind DC COMICS – THE NEW 52, DC’s digital initiative, and much more, as well as being the artist of JUSTICE LEAGUE and writer of O.M.A.C.! This up-close-and-personal panel gives you a chance to step up and ask questions! Speaker(s): Dan DiDio and Jim Lee.

DC ALL ACCESS: MEET THE PUBLISHERS

With the launch of DC COMICS – THE NEW 52, a new era for Superman begins! Find out what’s in the works for the Man of Tomorrow as we look at his upcoming exploits in ACTION COMICS, SUPERMAN and more! Don’t miss this panel featuring Mahmud Asrar (Supergirl), Shane Davis (Superman: Earth One) and others! Speaker(s): Dan DiDio, Mahmud Asrar and Shane Davis.

DC ALL ACCESS: SUPERMAN

The DC universe is home to all kinds of heroes – including some who barely fit that name! Hear what’s coming up in the pages of titles like JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK, SWAMP THING, O.M.A.C., ALL-STAR WESTERN and more, with top talent including Ivan Brandon (Men of War), Paul Cornell (Stormwatch, Demon Knights), Josh Fialkov (I, Vampire), Keith Giffen (O.M.A.C.), Adam Glass (Suicide Squad), Viktor Kalvachev (Men of War), Andy Lanning (Resurrection Man), Jeff Lemire (Animal Man, Frankenstein Agent of S.H.A.D.E.), Moritat (All-Star Western), Jimmy Palmiotti (All-Star Western), and Scott Snyder (Swamp Thing)! Speaker(s): Adam Glass, Andy Lanning, Dan DiDio, Ivan Brandon, Jeff Lemire, Jimmy Palmiotti, Josh Fialkov, Justin Norman, Keith Giffen, Moritat, Paul Cornell Scott Snyder and Viktor Kalvachev.

DC ALL ACCESS: THE EDGE/ THE DARK

They may be young – but they’re still heroes! Find out what’s happening for THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, TEEN TITANS and more as DC COMICS – THE NEW 52 unfolds in this panel featuring Franco Aureliani (Tiny Titans), Art Baltazar (Tiny Titans), Tony Bedard (Blue Beetle), Sterling

Gates (Hawk and Dove), Jonathan Glapion (Static Shock), Paul Levitz (Legion of Super-Heroes), and Francis Portela (Legion of Super-Heroes! Speaker(s): Art Baltazar, Francis Portela, Franco Aureliani, Jonathan Glapion, Paul Levitz, Sterling Gates and Tony Bedard.

DC ALL ACCESS: YOUNG JUSTICE

Warner Home Video, Warner Premiere, DC Entertainment and Warner Bros. Animation proudly present an action-packed hour of first looks with the premiere of the animated short Catwoman, an inside glimpse of Batman: Year One, and the New York Comic Con exclusive first footage of Justice League: Doom, the highly-anticipated next entry in the ongoing series of DC Universe Animated Original Movies. Panelists include the ultimate voice of Batman, Kevin Conroy, executive producer Bruce Timm, casting/dialogue director Andrea Romano. Moderator Gary Miereanu will offer a first-look glimpse into the 2012 DC Universe Animated Original Movies slate, give away some exclusive prizes to inquisitive audience members, and quite possibly introduce a few surprise guests. Warner Home Video will distribute Batman: Year One and Catwoman on Blu-Ray™ and DVD on October 18, 2011. Speaker(s): Andrea Romano, Bruce Timm Gary Miereanu and Kevin Conroy.

DC UNIVERSE ANIMATED ORIGINAL MOVIES GIVES AN EARLY LOOK AT BATMAN: YEAR ONE, CATWOMAN & JUSTICE LEAGUE: DOOM

Featuring cast members Tania Raymonde, Texas Battle, Charlie Sanders and executive producers Spider One and Eric Weinberg. MTV has successfully found a way to combined horror and comedy on “Death Valley,” which premiered on MTV on Monday, August 29. The panel will consist of the cast as well as the producing team, who are all well versed in each genre. Discussion will include the unique challenges of bringing the comedy and horror genres together, and how the players and team involved in the series work together to bring all the elements of what they know best to “Death Valley.” Fans will also get an exclusive first-look at an upcoming episode.

DEATH VALLEY

Join Del Rey editors Frank Parisi and Erich Schoeneweiss as they discuss upcoming Star Wars books from Del Rey and answer your questions. Special guests: Drew Karpysyn, author of the Star Wars: Darth Bane novels and the upcoming Star Wars: The Old Republic: Revan, and Jason Fry, co-author of Star Wars: The Essential Atlas and author of the upcoming Star Wars: The Essential Guide to Warfare. Limited prizes to be awarded, while supplies last. Speaker(s): Drew Karpysyn, Erich Schoeneweiss, Frank Parisi and Jason Fry.

DEL REY STAR WARS BOOKS PANEL

Black Dynamite is an exciting new animated series coming to Adult Swim in 2012 and is based on 2009's critically-acclaimed feature film. The series further chronicles the exploits of Black Dynamite and his crew. Cast members Michael Jai White (Black Dynamite), Byron Minns (Bullhorn), Kym Whitley (Honeybee), executive producer Carl Jones, and producer Scott Sanders will host a Q&A and show never-before-seen footage! Speaker(s): Byron Minns, Carl Jones, Kym Whitley and Michael Jai White.

BLACK DYNAMITE

In this, the tenth anniversary year of Neil Gaiman's AMERICAN GODS, the ultimate urban fantasy road trip, we've seen a rash of infernal plagues infect some of America's greatest cities. Witchcraft and demonic activity infect Kim Harrison's Cincinnati, while Patricia Briggs' novels wreak havoc on the shapeshifter, vampire and demonic tribes of the Tri Cities region of Washington State. Anton Strout and Edward Lazellari see New York as the ultimate urban fantasy battleground. Rachel Caine has created an apocalyptic outpost in the Lone Star State vampire-controlled city of Morganville, terror has taken a bite out of Christina Henry's Chicagoland, and Duane Swierczynski's newest novels take us straight to Hell. These authors will argue that there truly is a continental divide between the forces of East and West; North and South; Good and Evil. Grab a bag of Cheetos, a six pack of Red Bull, and some holy water and join us as we explore the road to perdition... Speaker(s): Anton Strout, Christina Henry,

Edward Lazellari, Kim Harrison, Patricia Briggs and Rachel Caine.

DEMONIC HOTSPOTS, INFERNAL PIT STOPS AND THE BADLANDS: THE GREAT AMERICAN ROAD TRIP TO HELL

Kei and Yuri. Their code name is "Lovely Angels", but they're better known as the "Dirty Pair". Their arrival at the scene of a mystery is always a source of hope and dread. See, they always solve the case, but, wherever they go, something gets horribly wrecked, sometimes including entire planets.

DIRTY PAIR

Disney and Marvel have teamed-up to create an amazing assortment of Marvelous kids books, so join writer Rich Thomas (The Amazing Spider-Man: An Origin Story, The Uncanny X-Men: An Origin Story) and artists Val Semeiks (The Courageous Captain America: An Origin Story, The Incredible Hulk: An Origin Story) and Craig Rousseau (The Invincible Iron Man: An Origin Story), along with editors from Disney Publishing Worldwide and Marvel, as we take a behind-the-scenes sneak peek at some unbelievable Origin Storybooks, Picture books, and much, much more! Plus, Dina Sherman, Disney's Director of School & Library Marketing will also be on hand to discuss bringing these Marvelous masterpieces to a school & library near you! With special guests Ruwan Jayatilleke, Senior Vice President, Marvel, Michael Siglain, Senior Editor, Disney Publishing, and Nachie Castro, Editor, Disney Publishing. Moderated by Disney Publishing Assistant Editor Tomas Palacios! Speaker(s): Craig Rousseau, Dina Sherman, Michael Siglain, Nachie Castro, Rich Thomas, Ruwan Jayatilleke and Val Semeiks.

DISNEY/MARVEL KIDS PANEL

You Can Draw: Star Wars author Bonnie Burton and The Clone Wars web comic artist Katie Cook help kids draw fun Star Wars characters. Lucas Online Senior Editor Bonnie Burton edits the drawing tutorials and craft projects which can be found at Starwars.com. Artist Katie Cook

(Katiecandraw.com) has done licensed art for Star Wars, Fraggle Rock, DC, Marvel, and more! Speaker(s): Bonnie Burton and Katie Cook.

DRAWING STAR WARS WITH BONNIE BURTON AND KATIE COOK

Creating a World Worth Saving with R.A. Salvatore. For the upcoming video game Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning, New York Times Best Selling Author R.A. Salvatore, created over 10,000 years of rich history and lore. Join R.A., and members of the development team to learn what it takes to truly bring a world, its people, and their stories to life. Speaker(s): Andrew Auseon, Ian Frazier, RA Salvatore and Steve Danuser.

KINGDOMS OF AMALUR: RECKONING

Come party with the Emotes! Emotes are a cast of quirky characters that are each based upon a different emotion. As stars of their very own series of anime inspired books, comics and toys, Emotes engage kids with their emotions while having fun along the way. So, come and dance with the Emotes at their very own stage show! The authors of the Emotes books and comics will be on hand to help the Emotes costumed characters perform a show that will educate as well as entertain. Plus a dance contest and giveaways! To learn more about Emotes visit www.emotes.com to experience games, videos and more!

EMOTES

Neon Genesis Evangelion and its mysteries have been put under a microscope more than almost any other anime. While many questions have been left unanswered, many facets of its creation have been documented in detail. This panel will present a broad survey of what went into creating Evangelion. Hosted by EvaMonkey.Com and EvaGeeks.Org. Speaker(s): Aaron Clark.

EVANGELION, DECONSTRUCTED

Adult Swim presents an exclusive screening of a never before aired episode of their newest animated comedy China, IL. Creator Brad Neely and executive producer Daniel Weidenfeld will also be on hand for a lively Q&A. Speaker(s): Brad Neely and Daniel Weidenfeld.

CHINA, IL EXCLUSIVE SCREENING AND Q&A

Acclaimed physicist and author Brian Greene lets you in on a secret: We've all been deceived. Our perceptions of time and space have led us astray. Much of what we thought we knew about our universe—that the past has already happened and the future is yet to be, that space is just an empty void, that our universe is the only universe that exists—just might be wrong. Get an exclusive sneak peak at The Fabric of the Cosmos, a new four-hour NOVA special series, followed by a Q&A with host Brian Greene and Senior Producer and Creative Director Jonathan Sahula. The Fabric of the Cosmos premieres Wednesday, November 2 at 9PM ET/PT on PBS. Speaker(s): Brian Greene and Jonathan Sahula.

SNEAK PEEK OF THE FABRIC OF THE COSMOS HOSTED BY BRIAN GREENE

Be one of the first to see the US dub premiere of Fairy Tail episodes 3, 4, and 5! Don't be late for the Fairy Tail panel! We'll kick things off with a special greeting from the Fairy Tail creator: Hiro Mashima. Next, watch episodes 3, 4, and 5 for the first time in English anywhere. Then find out everything you wanted to know about Fairy Tail at the Q&A panel with the US voice cast Todd Haberkorn (Natsu), Cherami Leigh (Lucy), Colleen Clinkenbeard (Erza), Newton Pittman (Gray) and ADR Director Tyler Walker. Whether you are a die-hard Fairy Tail fan, or just heard about it from a friend, this panel will be only place to learn all things Fairy Tail. Speaker(s): Cherami Leigh, Colleen Clinkenbeard, Newton Pittman, Todd Haberkorn and Tyler Walker.

FAIRY TAIL PANEL

There will be a gathering for Fairy Tail cosplayers, hosted by ACParadise.com. If you're a Fairy Tail cosplayer, this will be your chance to show off your costumes and possibly win some great prizes! Cosplayers will compete with beauty, charm, and personality to win the right of being crowned "Miss Fairy Tail". Winners will be chosen by both the audience and our special mystery judges. Fans of Fairy Tail (and beautiful ladies in general) won't want to miss this!

MISS FAIRY TAIL PAGEANT

Exclusively at NYCC, Aniplex of America Presents the US premiere of the highly anticipated anime series Fate/Zero. This screening features the first 2 episodes of the series subtitled. Taking place 10 years prior to the events of Fate/stay night, Fate/Zero follows the events of the 4th Holy Grail War. The War of the Holy Grail is a contest in which seven Magi summon seven "Heroic Spirits" in a battle to obtain the power of the "Holy Grail," which grants a miracle to the victor. After three inconclusive wars for the elusive Holy Grail, the Fourth War is about to begin. From powerful swordsman to cunning assassins, each "Heroic Spirit" has their own unique ability. Watch as the characters from Fate/Zero compete in the battle for the almighty prize of the Holy Grail. www.FateZeroUSA.com www.AniplexUSA.com

FATE/ZERO SCREENING (BY ANIPLEX OF AMERICA)

You know her from The Guild and Dr. Horrible's Sing A Long Blog... meet Felicia Day in this spotlight panel on her previous work and see what's coming up next! Speaker(s): Felicia Day.

FELICIA DAY SPOTLIGHT

Fresh from the forests of North America, the cast and producer of Animal Planet's hit "Finding Bigfoot" satisfy Sasquatch curiosity, debunk swamp ape myth and transport the audience to the birthplace of Bigfoot. Join them for a world premiere sneak peak of the show's upcoming Halloween special that investigates the infamous Patterson-Gimlin footage and

explores California's Redwood Forest -- the mecca of Bigfoot activity. The crew will discuss their Squatchin' experiences from the show and share years of Bigfoot knowledge and research. If you're lucky, you just may hear a Squatch call! The first 100 people to the panel will receive a limited edition Finding Bigfoot t-shirt.

FINDING BIGFOOT

C.B. Cebulski, Marvel's SVP of Creator and Content Development (and writer of the food blog Eataku.com), and Wylie Dufresne, molecular gastronomic chef and owner of restaurant wd~50, and more special guests share the stage for an hour talking about the new horizons in foodie culture and comics culture and where they often (and appetizingly) interconnect. Speaker(s): Brian Azzarello, CB Cebulski and Wylie Dufresne.

FOOD AND COMICS PANEL WITH WYLIE DUFRESNE

The intrigue and danger continue with a new charge for BK-201, the masked Contractor known as the Black Reaper. After a paranormal phenomenon takes over Yin, BK-201 is left to hunt for answers from the shadows, alone—until he encounters Suo, a young girl whose life changed the night a meteor crashed to Earth. With Contractors attacking from all sides, and the mysterious organization Section 3 closing in, the Black Reaper fights to keep Suo alive while he searches for the truth behind Yin's disappearance.

DARKER THAN BLACK: SEASON 2

FUNimation Entertainment's Marketing Manager Adam Sheehan and Senior Social Media Manager Justin Rojas talk about all the newest info and updates out of North America's leader in anime, as well as answer questions from the audience. Speaker(s): Adam Sheehan and Justin Rojas.

FUNIMATION INDUSTRY PANEL

Delocated! show creator/executive producer and star Jon Glaser is on hand with Steve Cirbus, Jacob Kogan, Yung-I Chang and Ali Farahnakian

to show some exclusive footage of the upcoming third season of the show premiering on Adult Swim this fall, as well as answer questions about the series. Speaker(s): Ali Farahnakian, Jacob Kogan, Jon Glaser, Steve Cirbus and Yung-I Chang.

DELOCATED!

Meet some of the folks behind Gaia Online as they discuss your favorite virtual world and expect great fun and prizes, too!

GAIA ONLINE

GeekChicNYC, the city's best free daily email for geeks, is picking the secret seeds from the Big Apple's nerdcare. Join us and some of New York's finest comedians and writers to talk geek humor, the mainstreaming of nerd culture and how to make money being funny. Guests include Jessi Klein (Premium Blend; My Coolest Years: Geeks on VH1), Gabe Liebman (Host of Big Terrific, Videogum host), Elliott Kalan (Daily Show writer), Susie Felber (Comedy Central and BBC America writer), Stephen Wacker (Senior Editor at Marvel) and Kevin Maher (Host of Kevin Geeks Out). Speaker(s): Elliott Kalan, Gabe Liebman, Jessi Klein, Kevin Maher, Stephen Wacker and Susie Felber.

GEEKCHICDAILY PRESENTS: INSIDE JOKES

Panel will be a general discussion and Q&A with writers for GeekDad.com and GeekMom.com focusing on issues that geek parents face raising their kid. Speaker(s): Amy Kraft, Andrea Schwalm, Corrina Lawson, Dave Giancaspro, Jason Jones, John Booth, Kathy Ceceri, Ken Denmead, Matt Blum and Nicole Wakelin.

GEEK PARENTING: RAISING KIDS IN OUR OWN GEEKY IMAGE

Tamora Pierce (the Beka Cooper series) has been hailed within the fantasy community and beyond for her strong female protagonists and the sense of empowerment her books provide for her avid fan base. She is not alone

in creating this type of female-targeted fantasy with several other young adult authors making their own contributions to this sub-genre. Esther Friesner (Princesses of Myth series) and Caitlin Kittredge's (the Iron Codex series) female lead characters are also imbued with strength of character, self-sufficiency, and the ability to kick butt. This panel will address the origins of and inspiration behind these authors' respective fantastical worlds and the strong female protagonists who inhabit them. Moderated by Kate Klimo, Publishing Director of Random House Children's Books and author of the upcoming young adult novel Centauriad #1: Daughter of the Centaurs (under the pen name K. K. Ross). Speaker(s): Caitlin Kittredge, Esther Friesner, Kate Klimo and Tamora Pierce.

GIRLS KICK BUTT: STRONG FEMALE HEROINES IN YOUNG ADULT FANTASY

In a futuristic world reeling from a Dark Infinite Civil Crisis, Galactic Girl leads the charge in bringing peace and order to the Cosmos. She's the best at what she does with a booty that just don't quit. Under the command of General Fu Fu, Galactic Girl journeys to the planet of Starbaria with her compatriot Pixel and new recruit Moxie-5 to capture the leader of the Savage Starbarians. Unexpected obstacles lead Team Galactic Girl on a wild ride. Come see Galactic Girl in: Attack of the Starbarians, and join actors Becky Byers, Jamie Dunn, Stephen Heskett, Jason Liebman, Tim O'Leary, Erica Swindell, and Temar Underwood for a Sci Fi adventure jam-packed with hot girls, great fights, dance breaks, laughter and so much more. "Galactic Girl" is honored and proud to be a part of the first ever Comic Book Theater Festival brought to you by the great people of The Brick Theater. You can check out the trailer here: <http://vimeo.com/29129927> Speaker(s): Audrey Marshall, Becky Byers, Candice Thompson, Dan Winters, Doug MacKrell, Emily Edwards, Erica Swindel, Jamie Dunn, Jeanne Travis, Jon Hoche, Matt Hecht and Rod Kinter.

GALACTIC GIRL: ATTACK OF THE STARBARIANS

Con Goer Life Style -Going to cons on a budget: tips and tricks on basically

stretching that dollar for all three days of the con -Networking is Key: you never know when that friend who lives 5mins away from the con comes in handy Masquerades & Cosplay -Finding sources of inspiration: TV, youtube, movies, or already existing jokes, etc. -Putting thought on Paper: script writing for the otaku -Manage your resources: money, costumes, cosplayers, sewing patters, etc. -Which con to perform in: time limits, group limits, getting away with “implied” murder, etc. -On stage: stage techniques and combating stage fright -Cosplay Judging & Performance: your cosplay staff are your friends Speaker(s): Grey and Kenneth Pingad.

CONVENTIONS, COSPLAY, MASQUERADES & YOU

Featuring cast members Adam Brody, Josh Gad, Alan Tudyk, Olivia Thirlby, Debi Mazar and Executive Producers Brad Ableson, Tom Brady, Mike Clements, David Green. “Good Vibes” is an epic beach party that captures both the thrills and excitement, and the heartfelt frustrations, of teenage life. We follow the wild-but-relatable stories of Jersey-transplant Mondo and his local-boy best bud Woodie, as they try to navigate the hormone-fueled world of high school, life-changing first experiences, and the complexities of family life. Their challenges are universal, but for Mondo and Woodie, it just so happens to be set against the backdrop of some of the best beaches on the west coast, where the vibe is eternally youthful, the girls wear string bikinis, and it feels like an endless summer. GOOD VIBES premieres October 27th at 10:30 p.m. ET/PT on MTV.

GOOD VIBES

Following an encore screening of the first two episodes of the most anticipated anime series of the Fall season, members of the GUILTY CROWN production team from ANIPLEX and PRODUCTION IG from Japan will be on hand to answer fan questions and talk about what it’s like to bring this complex and exciting series to fruition. Come see what it’s like behind the scenes and see exclusive content before anyone else!

GUILTY CROWN 1-2 FOLLOWED BY Q & A / FOCUS PANEL

A library by definition, are collections of media. Librarians have terrific resources on building and maintaining material collections in various media such as books, movies, and music, however, there is a severe lack of information on how to build and maintain video game collections. This session will give attendees a solid foundation for starting and maintaining a video game collection, with a specific focus on collection development tools and budgeting. Issues raised include how to judge game content, the inclusion of older games in loanable collections, the educational and recreational value of game collections, the important role game collections will play in the future of libraries, how schools and libraries can work together using gaming as a media tool, and sustaining the quality and relevance of game collections.

VIDEO GAME COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT FOR LIBRARIES

From sneakers to Hollywood blockbusters to the cover of Library Journal, the intellectual properties for gaming and comic companies are highly recognizable and can help us connect our materials collections to users and increase attendance numbers for programming. Join us as we share successful practices for marketing existing programs and collections, give bibliographies to build and increase recognizability in materials collections, and tie our programs and collections together to add value to our users’ experience.

NATIONAL GAMING DAY @ YOUR LIBRARY: USING VIDEO GAMES AND COMIC BOOKS AS LIBRARY OUTREACH TOOLS

A ghost-hunting reality show crew finds themselves lost in a labyrinth of terror when they film an episode of their series in an abandoned psychiatric hospital, slipping deeper and deeper into the depths of madness.

GRAVE ENCOUNTERS

Find out how YOU can help get comics into schools and get schools into comics in this informational seminar hosted by some of the biggest names in the world of comics and education. Join Josh Elder of Reading With Pictures, Dr. Michael Bitz of the Comic Book Project, Charlie LaGreca of Comic Book Classroom and Jessica Abel and Matt Madden of Drawing Words and Writing Pictures as they unveil their plans for 2012 and beyond. Speaker(s): Charlie LaGreca, Dr. Michael Bitz, Jessica Abel, Josh Elder and Matt Madden.

RWP 2.0 – THE FUTURE OF COMICS IN THE CLASSROOM

Come learn about how getting comics in the classroom can be fun and educational. There will be live read-alongs of our favorite stories from the Harvey-Award nominated anthology, sessions teaching kids how to draw their favorite characters, and much more! Hosted by Reading with Pictures Marketing Director Trevor Mueller, and Eisner-Award winning contributor Gabriel Bautisa. Come join us for this engaging panel that's fun for all ages! Speaker(s): Gabriel Bautisa and Trevor Mueller.

READING WITH PICTURES

The art of wand dueling is a centuries old practice that has unfortunately fallen on the wayside in today's modern wizarding curriculum. Join The Group That Shall Not Be Named, Harry Potter NYC as their top wand dueling instructor demonstrates several of the offensive and defensive positions most frequently employed in duels. Many of these can be seen being used in the now famous Harry Potter Documentary films. Translation for Muggles: Dueling in the Harry Potter films was a carefully choreographed form of theatrical combat. HP-NYC will demonstrate and instruct participants in several of the dueling moves that the actors used. Bring your own wand if you prefer, if not, training wands will be provided. This session's instruction will be altered for a younger audience. Bring your own wand if you prefer, if not, training wands will be provided. Speaker(s):

Cassandra Johnstone, Christine Evans, Clay Dockery and Jonathon Rosenthal.

WAND DUELING FOR KIDS

Give in to the power of the crafty side! Find out how to turn felt and googly eyes into a Jedi Master with this fun hands-on bag puppet tutorial. The Star Wars Craft Book (Del Rey/LucasBooks) author Bonnie Burton shows fans of all ages how to make Star Wars bag puppets from her new book. Bonnie is also the author of You Can Draw Star Wars (DK Publishing) and Draw Star Wars: The Clone Wars (Klutz Books). Speaker(s): Bonnie Burton.

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Join moderator Brian David Johnson, Intel Futurist and author of "Screen Future," along with industry luminaries Craig Engler (senior executive, Syfy channel) and Jim Shooter (legendary creator, Dark Horse Comics), as they discuss the digital future of entertainment. The conversation spans Bollywood to the comic con show floor regarding how and what digital entertainment you'll likely be enjoying five years from now. Learn about how people, technology, and economics are shaping the evolution of entertainment and smart TV. Expand your knowledge of the technology influencing our rapidly changing world. Speaker(s): Brian David Johnson, Craig Engler and Jim Shooter.

SCREEN FUTURE: GAMING, COMICS AND TV AROUND THE WORLD AND FIVE YEARS FROM NOW

FOR MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY: an exclusive sneak peek at the hotly anticipated animated 3D movie from EPIX Pictures celebrating the uproarious and often sexually charged life and times of the late Graham Chapman of MONTY PYTHON fame. The film, as told in Graham's own words from an audio recording of his book, will also feature the voice talents of fellow Monty Python members John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Terry Gilliam and others. On hand for the panel will be the films 3 directors, Bill Jones (son of Terry Jones), Ben Timlett, and Jeff Simpson plus two of the film's fifteen (15!!) animators and a surprise celebrity guest moderator who's sure to add to the hilarity.

A LIAR'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Highlighting Drew Struzan's iconic movie poster creations, which include the "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones" and "Back To The Future" film series, this newly completed documentary feature film includes exclusive, never before seen interviews with George Lucas, Guillermo del Toro, Frank Darabont, Harrison Ford, Michael J. Fox, Alice Cooper, Michael Uslan, Greg Hildebrandt, Thomas Jane, Bob Gale, Steven Spielberg, and many others. During the hour, portions of the film will be screened, followed by a discussion about the film, the artists, the artwork, and the ever-changing landscape of movie and entertainment advertising. The discussion panel will include Sesame Street's Carroll Spinney (Big Bird/Oscar the Grouch) as well as the filmmakers; Cinematographer/Supervising Editor, Greg Boas, Producer, Charles Ricciardi and Director, Erik P. Sharkey. Rare Limited Edition Drew Struzan Movie Posters will be given out to selected audience members. Speaker(s): Carroll Spinney, Charles Ricciardi, Erik P. Sharkey and Greg Boas.

DREW: THE MAN BEHIND THE POSTER

Get the inside scoop on Batman: Arkham City, the highly-anticipated follow-up to the hit game Batman: Arkham Asylum, the Guinness World

Record holder for the "Most Critically-Acclaimed Superhero Game Ever." Be among the first to see and hear new details about the next chapter in Batman's gritty, immersive world – including some surprise reveals about the game and its characters – from the voice of Batman, Kevin Conroy (Batman: Arkham Asylum, Batman: The Animated Series); front man Claudio Sanchez of the popular progressive rock band "Coheed and Cambria," which wrote and performed the track "Deranged" featured on Batman: Arkham City – The Album; and Rocksteady Studios Game Director Sefton Hill (Batman: Arkham Asylum), and more. And don't leave early ... there are special prizes lurking in the shadows. Speaker(s): Claudio Sanchez, Kevin Conroy and Sefton Hill.

BATMAN: ARKHAM CITY

More comics are being turned into films, & creators have important questions about how Hollywood works. Get actionable information from top creators who have navigated the TV & movie business. Featuring special guests: Jimmy Palmiotti – Comic book writer Jonah Hex & Screenwriter Painkiller Jane, Ken Levin – Hollywood entertainment attorney, co-founder First Comics, Jane Espenson – Screenwriter Buffy, Battlestar Galactica, Angel, The O.C. Host: Buddy Scalera of Comic Book School. Speaker(s): Buddy Scalera, Jane Espenson, Jimmy Palmiotti and Ken Levin.

COMICS, HOLLYWOOD - WHAT CREATORS NEED TO KNOW

Learn how to structure a complete issue from beginning to end. Pace, panel breakdown, and story arc discussed by professional writers who work for mainstream publishers like Marvel, DC, Dark Horse & more. Jimmy Palmiotti – Comic Book writer The Pro, Powergirl, Deadpool Daniel Way – Comic book writer Deadpool, Wolverine David Hine – Comic book writer District X. Plus a surprise pro writer, not yet announced. Host: Buddy Scalera of Comic Book School. Moderator Andy Schmidt of Comics Experience. Speaker(s): Andy Schmidt, Buddy Scalera, Daniel Way, David Hine and Jimmy Palmiotti.

WRITING: STORY STRUCTURE

An all-star cast of experienced, working comic book artists talk about telling an effective story on the page. Learn about how real professional artists break down a script and thumbnail a page. Actual working pros show you how they determine the layout, the story flow, and specific panels from a real comic book script. Jerry Ordway – Artist/writer – Shazam, Superman. Tim Seeley – Artist/writer – Hack/Slash, GI Joe. Plus a surprise artistic addition, not yet announced. Host: Buddy Scalera of Comic Book School. Speaker(s): Buddy Scalera, Jerry Ordway and Tim Seeley.

PENCILING: STORYTELLING ON THE PAGE

Meet your next creative partner in this fun, interactive networking session. Many indy titles and careers have been launched through this panel. Bring business cards & samples of your work. This is the panel that has literally helped complete strangers form creative teams and publish comic books. This is the original and best Creator Connection. Be there and launch your career. Host: Buddy Scalera of Comic Book School. Support by Model/Actress Zoe Labella of Comic Artist's Photo Reference. Speaker(s): Buddy Scalera and Zoe Labella.

CREATOR CONNECTION

Top comic coloring talent Brian Haberlin demonstrates the latest and greatest computer coloring techniques. This is a hugely popular hands-on demo that will help you improve your coloring skills. Host: Buddy Scalera of Comic Book School Presenter/Teacher: Brian Haberlin, colorist and publisher of "Digital Art Tutorials". Speaker(s): Brian Haberlin and Buddy Scalera.

COLORING: DIGITAL TECHNIQUES

Jim Henson was a creative genius responsible for some of the most iconic properties today, including The Muppets, Fraggle Rock and The Dark Crystal. But what was he like leading up to that success? Join Archaia and The Jim Henson Company as they explore his early works and creative process, complete with archival, rarely seen footage, brought to you by

Henson archivist, Karen Falk. Then, get an advance look at A TALE OF SAND, the new original graphic novel coming in November, based on a never-before-seen screenplay written by Jim Henson and his longtime collaborator, Jerry Juhl. Falk, Archaia editor-in-chief Stephen Christy and A Tale of Sand artist Ramón Pérez will discuss the behind-the-scenes production of the book and debut some new images! Moderated by Archaia CEO PJ Bickett. Speaker(s): Karen Falk, PJ Bickett, Ramón Pérez and Stephen Christy.

ARCHAIA ENTERTAINMENT AND THE JIM HENSON COMPANY PRESENT: THE EARLY WORKS OF JIM HENSON SCREENING WITH SPECIAL TALE OF SAND DISCUSSION

In an award-winning performance (Best Actor- Venice Film Festival), Vincent Gallo plays Mohammed, a Taliban fighter captured by the US military in Afghanistan after a violent desert attack goes awry. While being transported to a secret detention center in Europe, the vehicle crashes and he suddenly finds himself free. But his newfound freedom quickly disappears as he is relentlessly pursued in a snow-blanketed forest by an army that does not "officially" exist. A critically-acclaimed, thinking man's action thriller, ESSENTIAL KILLING tells the story of one man's struggle for survival, where morality has no place as he confronts the necessity to kill in order to survive.

ESSENTIAL KILLING

Trion Worlds, the leading premium online game developer and publisher, will take the stage to discuss the future of their online gaming portfolio. The panel will give NYCC attendees a look into what the future holds for the hit MMO Rift™, a preview of the upcoming End of Nations, and the first opportunity to discuss Defiance™, the transmedia project being co-developed by Trion and Syfy. The panel will be moderated by MMORPG.com Editor Bill Murphy. Rift Design Producer Hal Hanlin and Lore Lead Morgan Lockhart will be on hand to discuss the game's recipe for success and share what's in store for the world of Telara. End of Nations Senior

Producer Chris Lena will destroy entire armies of heavily armored units, giving attendees a spin through both the cooperative and PvP nature of this upcoming massive free-to-play online strategy game. Defiance Senior Producer Rob Hill will discuss the multiplatform shooter MMO being developed in conjunction with the new series debuting on Syfy. Speaker(s): Bill Murphy, Chris Lena, Hal Hanlin, Morgan Lockhart and Rob Hill.

TRION - RIFT, END OF NATIONS, DEFIANCE

Do you want to know the basic aspects of sculpting and fabrication? Would you love to get an inside peek at the materials and tools used in creating all of your favorite action figures? Come to this instructional panel where members of the Mattel design team will take you through the process.

METHODS AND MATERIALS: SCULPTING WITH THE MATTEL DESIGN TEAM

Fiction authors discuss the not-quite-living-but-most-certainly-not-dead characters that inhabit the pages of their novels and their complicated, pulse-challenged relationships. From dangerous supernatural investigations to zombie invasions, where do love and kindness fit into the scheme of these post-apocalyptic tales? The concept of good vs. evil comes in to play with an undead, supernatural twist. In Lia Habel's novel, a proper young Victorian lady finds true love in the arms of a dashing zombie while Bob Fingeraman explores human compassion after a zombie pandemic sweeps the land. Stefan Petrucha's protagonist is wrongly convicted of his wife's murder, but is brought back to life after his execution ready to make things right. The hero of Thomas E. Sniegowski's series must fight evil forces while mourning the loss of his wife, while Nancy Holzner's heroine must deal with a teenage zombie sidekick, a vampire roommate, and werewolf boyfriend. Tahereh Mafi's heroine can kill with a single touch (which wreaks havoc on all attempts at intimacy). In an apocalyptic world strewn with cannibals and wolves, Veronica Rossi's dystopian heroine learns to find love with someone from far beyond her realm of experience. These authors will argue that despite the presence of mortally-challenged characters in these novels, the stories speak more to

life and humanity than death. Speaker(s): Bob Fingeraman, Drew Magary, Lia Habel, Nancy Holzner, Stefan Petrucha, Tahereh Mafi, Thomas E. Sniegowski and Veronica Rossi.

ZOMBIES, FALLEN ANGELS, AND OTHER PARANORMALS GIVE NEW MEANING TO MILITARY

SF/F authors have kept readers at the edge of their seats by incorporating wartime experience and strategies of armed conflict into the far-future and alternate history worlds they create. Not since Luke Skywalker blasted the hell out of the Death Star have we seen such interest in war-inspired science fiction and fantasy. Perhaps a sign of the time we're in (and whatever might be said, we all bow before Scalzi's influence) people just want books about good guys defeating unfriendly space invaders and plausible visions of a future military. May the force be with everyone in the audience as Taylor Anderson, Jack Campbell, and Myke Cole, fire up their ammo and discuss this Semper Fi friendly subgenre of popular fiction. Speaker(s): Jack Campbell, Myke Cole and Taylor Anderson.

ACCELERATE TO ATTACK SPEED: MILITARY SCIENCE FICTION

After years of waiting, hoping, speculating and reporting obstacles, the two-part film adaptation of "The Hobbit" is finally moving forward. For more than a decade TheOneRing.net has brought fans world-wide the latest happenings on the world of J.R.R. Tolkien in books, live events and film. Now the site takes a long look at all that is happening, and will happen, in New Zealand before the films hit theaters in 2012 and 2013. Peter Jackson, a long-time friend to TORn, is back in the director's chair and TORn's reporters have been working overtime to find out the latest. Expect to be informed, surprised and let your voice be heard on rumors and developments during this one hour panel. Speaker(s): Chris Pirrotta, Kirsten Cairns, Larry Curtis, Lisa Crouch and Rebecca Perry.

HOBBIT MOVIE HEADLINES FROM THEONERING.NET

Join DCE's Editorial Art Director, Mark Chiarello, for an informative orientation session that will explain how DCE's Talent Search works and discuss the different needs of the DC Comics, Vertigo and MAD Magazine brands. If you want to learn what DCE looks for in artists and how to improve your chances of becoming a working professional, then this is the panel for you! In order to have your work reviewed, attendance at this orientation session is mandatory. (Please note: Not all attendees are guaranteed a one-on-one review.) Speaker(s): Mark Chiarello.

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Like their creators Will Eisner and Bob Kane, The Spirit and The Batman had an intertwined and complex relationship. DeWitt Clinton High School classmates, Will and Bob helped each other in their early comics careers. As fate would have it, each came up with an iconic non-superpowered costumed adventurer who owed a lot to the films noir of Orson Welles and other cinema pioneers. Investigating how these two masters interacted, interrelated, and worked is sure to be fascinating. Join Michael Uslan (producer of the Batman films), Paul Levitz (Legion of Super-Heroes), Dennis O'Neil (Batman writer and editor), Chris Couch (The Will Eisner Companion), and moderator Danny Fingeroth (The Stan Lee Universe) as they explore the similarities and differences between the characters and their creators. Speaker(s): Chris Couch, Danny Fingeroth, Dennis O'Neil,

Michael Uslan and Paul Levitz.

WILL EISNER'S THE SPIRIT AND BOB KANE'S THE BATMAN

Dark Horse Comics invite you to attend a special panel highlighting the growing number of brand new comics featuring vampires! In addition to the highly successful, Buffy the Vampire Slayer comics, we introduce you to new titles like Mike Mignola and Christopher Golden's Baltimore, P.C. and Kristin Cast's House of Night, and Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan's The Strain! Join Dark Horse Managing Editor Scott Allie; Dark Horse Director of Public Relations, Jeremy Atkins; and Angel & Faith writer, Christos Gage, and artist, Rebekah Isaacs; as well as a few surprise guests for a panel you can "really sink your teeth into." If that's not enough, every attendee will receive a free copy of Angel & Faith #1! Speaker(s): Christos Gage, Jeremy Atkins, Rebekah Isaacs and Scott Allie.

BUFFY AND ANGEL PRESENT: DARK HORSE DOES VAMPIRES RIGHT!

With comics, novels, movies, and a third game on the horizon, Mass Effect has become one of the largest science fiction franchises in the world. Join Mass Effect lead writer, Mac Walters, along with Dark Horse Director of Public Relations, Jeremy Atkins and Director of Custom Programs, Nick McWhorter, for an exploration of what makes Mass Effect so special! Fans will get a first hand look at the upcoming comics series, the Art of the Mass Effect Universe, as well as a taste of Mass Effect 3! With announcements to be made, surprise guests, prizes and giveaways, we couldn't give you more reasons to attend! Speaker(s): Jeremy Atkins, Mac Walters and Nick McWhorter.

DARK HORSE AND BIOWARE PRESENT: MAPPING THE MASS EFFECT UNIVERSE

Dark Horse and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund invite you to learn how you, yes YOU can showcase your work in the most effective way

possible! Join Dark Horse senior managing editor Scott Allie (Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Hellboy, Serenity) as he gives a first-hand tutorial for artists, writers and aspiring comics professionals. You'll learn not only what publishers are looking for, but how they'd like to see it presented. From portfolios to pitches, this is your chance to learn from one of the top editors in the industry. In addition, the CBLDF will be holding an auction for one on one portfolio reviews with Scott Allie himself to take place on Sunday the 16th at the convention. For more details visit www.cbldf.org!

DARK HORSE AND THE CBLDF PRESENT: PUTTING YOUR BEST WORK FORWARD: HOW TO BREAK INTO THE COMICS INDUSTRY

Discuss the new Dark Horse Creepy series, the classic age of the Warren Creepy and Eerie magazines, and all the exciting things coming up in the Creepy universe with a bone-chilling panel including a number of special guests. Moderated by New Comic Company's twin engines Dan Braun (Creepy) and Josh Braun (A History of Violence). Plus, there will be Creepy trivia questions with swag and prizes! Speaker(s): Dan Braun and Josh Braun.

CREEPY & EERIE: ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Breaking into the comic book business as an artist can be an exciting but challenging process. It takes talent, proper training, a ton of practice, patience and a strong portfolio. For the past 35 years The Kubert School has offered students a high quality and challenging education in Cartoon and Graphic Art stressing an importance on all of these qualities. During the convention, drop off photocopied samples of your work at The Kubert School booth leading up to the panel. If selected your name will be posted and a time will be scheduled for you to meet with a Kubert School representative. Come and learn what makes a strong portfolio and what is needed in today's age of comics!

THE KUBERT SCHOOL PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

Comic book historian Arlen Schumer (The Silver Age of Comic Book Art) and Randolph Hoppe (Director of the online Jack Kirby Museum) present their theory that, just like a film's director, not its screenwriter, is considered its true author (auteur in French), so should a comic book artist be considered the auteur of any comic book work done in collaboration with a writer (or a script in any verbal form), and is therefore a de facto co-creator and co-author, with the credited writer, of that work. Joining them on the panel discussion that follows will be Michael Bonsteel (School the Art Institute of Chicago), editor/publisher John Morrow (TwoMorrows Publications), publisher J. David Spurlock (Vanguard Publishing), and other comic book industry luminaries to be announced. Speaker(s): Arlen Schumer, J. David Spurlock, John Morrow, Michael Bonsteel and Randolph Hoppe.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 2: THE AUTEUR THEORY OF COMICS

Anina Bennett and Paul Guinan's Boilerplate: History's Mechanical Marvel spoofs history by presenting a Victorian era robot interacting with historical figures like Teddy Roosevelt, Nikola Tesla, and Mark Twain. Jess Nevins (Encyclopedia of Pulp Heroes), Lester Spence (Johns Hopkins University), and Peter Coogan (Institute for Comics Studies) join Anina and Paul to discuss the joys of counterfactual history. Speaker(s): Anina Bennett, Jess Nevins, Lester Spence, Paul Guinan and Peter Coogan.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 5: BOILERPLATE: HISTORY OF A VICTORIAN ERA ROBOT

Join Funcom for an exclusive live demo of their hotly-anticipated new MMO The Secret World. Presented by Funcom creative director Ragnar Tørnquist, The Secret World is set in the modern world and asks, "What if every myth, conspiracy theory and urban legend was true?" In the game, players join one of three secret societies fighting the forces of darkness and maintaining a fragile balance of power from the shadows. The game

will take players on an epic journey across the globe from Seoul to NYC and from London to Cairo, experiencing dark secrets from each culture. The Secret World also gives many MMO conventions a fresh spin, with no levels and no character classes. Offering true freedom of progression, the game encourages gamers to experiment with skills, weapons and powers to create characters and playstyles that are as unique as the players themselves. Come by for an in-depth preview of the game and discover the deepest secrets of The Secret World. Panel brought to you by MMORPG.com.

EA - THE SECRET WORLD

Brad Ricca (Case Western Reserve University) analyzes the historical inspirations for the Fantastic Four—including the Baxter Building, the Mole Man, and the Yancy Street Gang—in the New York area, including a group of four heroes who emerged from a sealed ship in the middle of the Atlantic and the sad story of a physicist who painted a strange symbol on his chest and inexplicably went on a rampage. Rich Shivener (Northern Kentucky University) draws on the work of Susan Sontag to analyze the campiness the Joker in comics and films. Hannah Means-Shannon (Georgian Court University) investigates the relationship between the world of the conscious ego and the unconscious psyche between in the Western strong man motif as represented in the mythology of Herakles and Alan Moore's Tom Strong series. Speaker(s): Brad Ricca, Hannah Means-Shannon and Rich Shivener.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 1: SUPER INSPIRATIONS

Comic book historian and illustrator Arlen Schumer (The Silver Age of Comic Book Art) presents the work of Mort Weisinger, editor of the Superman line for 30 years (1940-70), through Weisinger's own words and artist Curt Swan's images, with the participation of Mort's son, Dr. Hank Weisinger. Speaker(s): Arlen Schumer and Dr. Hank Weisinger.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 3: REQUIEM FOR WEISINGER: THE LIFE AND WORK OF SUPERMAN EDITOR MORT WEISINGER

They're rich, smart, strong, and they have the most wonderful toys. They're leaders among superheroes even though they have no superpowers and they intimidate other heroes. Batman and Iron Man belong to that very small group of superheroes who have a veneer of reality. Both superheroes are defined by their human frailty combined with extreme training and use of technological enhancements. Comics legend Dennis O'Neil (Batman, Iron Man) and kinesiologist E. Paul Zehr (Becoming Batman, Inventing Iron Man) join psychologists Travis Langley (Batman in His Belfry), Andrea Letamendi (UCLA), and Robin Rosenberg (The Psychology of Superheroes) plus retired NYPD sergeant Mike Bruen in examining what it takes both physically and mentally to create a superhero without benefit of cosmic rays, magic rings, mutant genes, or otherworldly origins. Speaker(s): Andrea Letamendi, Dennis O'Neil, E. Paul Zehr, Robin Rosenberg and Travis Langley.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 4: BATMAN VS. IRON MAN: CAN A PERSON TRULY BECOME EITHER?

Neil Cohn (Tufts University) discusses several psychology experiments measuring reaction time and brainwaves that contribute to our understanding of what goes on in the brain when a person reads a comic and reveals that the understanding of comics involves a complex negotiation between a hierarchic system of narrative and the construction of meaning. CJ Suzuki (Lehigh University) focuses on the ways female Japanese comics creators (mangaka) employ shojo manga to critique, contest, and/or negotiate the hegemonic narratives and ideologies of the nation, gender/sexual normativity, and patriarchal social structure. Jeff Barbanell (Arizona State University) traces and deconstructs the transformation of Native American stereotypes and tropes in the comics medium to demonstrate how to work with elementary and secondary Native American literacy students, using the sequential visual medium of comics. Speaker(s): CJ Suzuki, Jeff Barbanell and Neil Cohn.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 6: UNDERSTANDING COMICS AND THE SELF

Pablo Rodriguez Balbontin (University of Iowa) analyzes how Juan "Jan" López Los cabecicubos (The Cubeheads) works as a satire of the Spanish "Transition" to democracy and its strategy of oblivion and the connection with the contemporary recovery of historical memory that is central to political debate in Spain today. Brittany Tullis (University of Iowa) compares an early Bruguera comic, La Rue del Percebe, with Paco Roca's award-winning graphic novel Arrugas to illustrate the continuity of social realism in Spanish comics. Tania Perez-Cano (University of Iowa) uses Max's Gustavo to trace the contribution of the underground comic in Spain to ongoing antinuclear and ecological discourse. Speaker(s): Brittany Tullis, Pablo Rodriguez Balbontin and Tania Perez-Cano.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE 7: SURVIVING REALITY IN THE ABSENCE OF SUPERHEROES: SOCIAL REALISM IN THE SPANISH COMIC

New York Comic Con attendees are invited to join "East Meets West: Art Direction for a Worldwide Audience" on Friday, Oct. 14 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for an exclusive panel presenting concept and finished art from FINAL FANTASY® XIII-2 and DEUS EX: HUMAN REVOLUTION™. Moderated by industry consultant and former Newsweek senior writer, N'Gai Croal, the panel will include an in-depth discussion between Isamu Kamikokuryo, art director of FINAL FANTASY XIII-2 and Jonathan Jacques-Belletête, art director of DEUS EX: HUMAN REVOLUTION. Speaker(s): Isamu Kamikokuryo and Jonathan Jacques-Belletête.

FINAL FANTASY XIII-2

Check online guide for further details on this panel.

STAR WARS: THE OLD REPUBLIC – MAIN PANEL

Join Joe Eckardt, producer/director and stars of the family superhero film PIZZA MAN, starring Frankie Muniz (Malcolm in the Middle), Stan Lee, Adam West, Shelley Long, Corbin Bernsen, Diamond Dallas Page &

Rowdy Roddy Piper. PIZZA MAN is a film for all ages to enjoy. The panel will include Frankie Muniz and Diamond Dallas Page! Speaker(s): Corbin Bernsen, David H. Lawrence XVII, Diamond Dallas Page, Frankie Muniz, Joe Eckardt, Marco Mannone and Vitaly Bokser.

PIZZA MAN

Join Kodansha Comics as we welcome Hiro Mashima to New York for the very first time! Mashima, the super-popular creator of Rave Master and Fairy Tail, and the artist of Monster Hunter Orage, will talk about what it's like to be a manga creator, answer questions from fans, and even give a drawing demonstration. Plus, Kodansha Comics will have some very exciting announcements for next year. Don't miss it! Speaker(s): Hiro Mashima

HIRO MASHIMA AND KODANSHA COMICS

A multi-media extravaganza of Angry Bob, screening and Q&A.

THE ANGRY BOB EXPERIENCE

Join Top Cow Publisher Filip Sablik, along with a host of creators including Tim Seeley (Witchblade), David Hine (The Darkness: Four Horsemen), Joshua Hale Fialkov (Echoes), Jeremy Haun (Artifacts), and Nelson Blake II (Magdalena). Be the first to get the full scoop on what is in store for the Top Cow Universe after the Artifacts event concludes and why it's the ideal jumping on point for the Top Cow Universe. Get the details on all of the Pilot Season 2011 titles and how YOU can take control. Plus surprise guests, exclusive announcements, and a free gift just for attending! Speaker(s): David Hine, Filip Sablik, Jeremy Haun, John Mahoney, Joshua Fialkov, Nelson Blake II and Tim Seeley.

TOP COW: WE CREATE... FRANCHISES

Just after Utena's parents died, she was consoled by a Prince who gave her a ring with a rose crest on it. Utena was so moved by this Prince that she vowed to one day become one herself. Now, Utena is attending Ohtori Academ, where she is unknowingly pulled into a series of duels for the

possession of a girl, the Rose Bride. Can Utena save her and become a Prince?

REVOLUTIONARY GIRL UTENA

Luke fon Fabre, the son of a noble family, is spirited away and forced into a series of great adventures through this alternate-reality world of swords and sorcery. This is the anime adaptation from Sunrise (Gundam, Code Geass) of the hit RPG from Namco Bandai Games!

TALES OF THE ABYSS

Anime Music Videos (AMVs) are remixes of anime and music pulled together from often divergent sources into astonishing works of art filled with action, drama, comedy, romance, and always a lot of heart, and we are proud to play host to a competition between the editors, storytellers, and artists that are AMV makers. Take in the finalists of this year's contest and don't forget to vote for your favorite.

AMV CONTEST

Anime comedian Uncle Yo and cosplayer and performer Mario Bueno share the stage for an hour of laughs, songs, and cupcakes. Speaker(s): Mario Bueno and Uncle Yo.

UNCLE YO AND MARIO BUENO POWER HOUR

SPECIAL LIVE APPEARANCE BY DAI SATO (Screenwriter) and KATSUHIRO HARADA (Tekken Game Producer)! Based on the hit video game from Namco Bandai Games! Ling Xiaoyu is dispatched to an international school to spy on Shin Kamiya, a victim of a secret genetic experiments that may hold the key to the M Cell. While investigating, she befriends Alisa Bosconovitch who also shows an interest in Shin. Their new friendship is put to the test as they are caught in the middle of the Mishima family feud. Written by Dai Soto (Cowboy Bebop, Wolf's Rain, Ghost in the Shell), this CGI animated feature takes the world of Tekken to a new level! Speaker(s): Dai Sato and Katsuhiro Harada.

TEKKEN: BLOOD VENGEANCE IN 3D

Kirkman, one of the most successful writers in comics today, best known for his work on THE WALKING DEAD, INVINCIBLE, HAUNT, IMAGE UNITED, ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN, Marvel Zombies, the recent SUPER DINOSAUR and THE INFINITE will offer fans some insight into the genius behind their favorite hit comics. After becoming an Image Comics partner in 2009, introducing the internationally renowned hit TV show based on the comic, The Walking Dead on AMC, and recently announcing an upcoming video game adaptation of the same series from TellTale Games, he has proven to be an unstoppable creative force. Speaker(s): Robert Kirkman.

SPOTLIGHT ON ROBERT KIRKMAN

Voltron: Defender of the Universe, the classic animated series that helped introduce a generation to the world of anime makes it's New York Comic Con debut in this family friendly and highly interactive panel! Featuring the writers and producers of the new Voltron Force animated series on Nicktoons as they give fans an exclusive sneak peek at upcoming episodes and give kids a behind the scenes look at creating a cartoon! Also on hand will be the artist and writer of the upcoming Voltron Force kids comics from Viz Media and new Voltron comic from Dynamite Entertainment, plus a live demo of the first ever Voltron videogame from THQ. Bring the kids for prizes, giveaways and a chance to get your picture with Voltron himself! Let's Voltron together at NYCC!

LET'S VOLTRON AT NYCC!

Legendary 80s independent publishing powerhouse First Comics is back with what it always brought you: great entertainment from great creators packed into the best looking books in the industry. See what you missed the first time around or come celebrate more of what you loved the first time!

FIRST COMICS: THE FIRST OF THE GREAT INDEPENDENTS IS BACK!

Right now a manga fan is facing a mandatory minimum sentence of one

year in prison and registering a sex offender because Canada Customs agent alleged that horror and fantasy manga on his laptop were child pornography. The threat to manga has been growing in recent years, as North American authorities misunderstanding of the material leaves innocent readers in the crossfire. Comic Book Legal Defense Fund is fighting these cases, with a need to raise \$150,000 to defend the Canada Customs case. Come listen to a discussion on the issues facing manga and what you can do to help.

CBLDF: DEFENDING MANGA

The city of Stern Bild is protected by corporate superheroes known as NEXT, who fight crime while promoting their sponsors on the popular show "HERO TV." Veteran hero Wild Tiger relies on his years of experience and instincts to fight crime, but his tendency to destroy public property for the sake of protecting the lives of the innocent has earned him the nickname "Crusher for Justice." Now, under orders from his new employer, Wild Tiger finds himself forced to team up with Barnaby Brooks Jr., a rookie with an attitude. Two polar opposites work to fight evil in this thrilling buddy-hero action series!

TIGER & BUNNY SCREENING

Join us for a special introduction and world premiere screening of the first two episodes of the hot new original anime series from the director of DEATH NOTE, GUILTY CROWN. This Sci-fi epic, airing as a part of the critically acclaimed noitaminA block features character designs by REDJUICE, music by SUPERCELL, animation by PRODUCTION IG and production by ANIPLEX.

GUILTY CROWN EPISODES 1-2 WORLD PREMIERE

Join the US cast of Dragon Ball Z for a very special screening and Q&A. See the timeless saga of intense action that is Dragon Ball Z as never before – in HD – and listen to the women and men who've lent their voices to one of the most successful anime series of all time.

DRAGON BALL Z IN HD

Come and compete for great Star Wars prizes in New York Comic Con's Star Wars Trivia Contest. This last person standing contest is open to all and will be hosted by Star Wars artist Kevin Liell. So brush-up on your Star Wars knowledge and get ready for the biggest trivia contest in the Galaxy!

STAR WARS TRIVIA CONTEST

This ANIPLEX produced series focuses on Takuto, a boy who washes up on Southern Cross Island and discovers huge humanoid mechas called "Cybodies" hidden underground at the local High School. This series mixes Shojo and mecha with dazzling costumes and character designs!

STAR DRIVER

Hiroyuki Itoh (CEO of Crypton Future Media) and Toshihiro Fukuoka (Editor in Chief of TOKYO KAWAII Magazine) speak about Hatsune Miku's grown around the world. On July 2, 2011, Hatsune Miku made an onstage appearance in the United States at long last. Rather than being the ultimate goal, it will be the point of departure for Hatsune Miku's future in America. We would like to look back the history of Hatsune Miku, while talking about what is to come for her over the next year. For the last 30 minutes, we will show a specially edited video of the concert, MIKUNOPOLIS, shown to the world for the first time. Speaker(s): Hiroyuki Itoh and Toshihiro Fukuoka.

HATSUNE MIKU: AFTER MIKUNOPOLIS

NYCC 2011 is going to be the biggest show the East Coast has ever seen so we want to start it off right with a concert on Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 PM in the IGN Theater - Presented by Sprint. The concert is free to all VIP's and 4-Day ticket holders BUT seating is first come, first served and will be extremely limited due to size of the auditorium and popularity of the event. Ultimate Access, Special Access and Anime Access VIP ticket holders will be guaranteed to get into the concert first; then, 4-Day ticket holders will be let in until the auditorium is full. The concert is open to all 4-Day ticket holders on a first come, first served basis and we cannot guarantee that all 4-Day ticket holders that want to attend the show will be able to get in. Speaker(s):

Z-Trip.

NYCC KICK-OFF CONCERT WITH HEADLINER DJ Z-TRIP

WITH SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY English Director MICHAEL SINTERNIKLAAS and voice actress STEPHANIE SHEH! In order to recapture Banagher and the Unicorn Gundam, the Federation Forces launch an assault on Palau, the stronghold of the Sleeves. During a fierce battle with the Cyber-Newtype Marida, the Unicorn Gundam's NT-D system activates finally releasing its hidden power!

GUNDAM UNICORN 3: THE GHOST OF LAPLACE

Naruto is a young shinobi with an incorrigible knack for mischief. He's got a wild sense of humor, but Naruto is completely serious about his mission to be the world's greatest ninja!

NARUTO SHIPPUDEN SCREENING

New York City's best "alt. comedy" show—and now critically-acclaimed concert film—comes to the NY Comic-Con in this LIVE event. Featuring a performance from indie comedy star Kristen Schaal! Speaker(s): Christian Finnegan, Janeane Garofalo, Kristen Schaal, Liam McEaney and Rob Paravonian.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS! THE LIVE SHOW!

World-renowned producer, artist, animator and Comic Con favorite Bruce Timm (Batman: The Animated Series) will be on hand to unveil Green Lantern: The Animated Series, his latest television project from Warner Bros. Animation, coming soon to Cartoon Network. New York Comic Con attendees will be treated to the world premiere screening of this all-new CG action-adventure animated series, and will take part in a moderated Q&A with an animation icon. Speaker(s): Bruce Timm

GREEN LANTERN: THE ANIMATED SERIES WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING AND CONVERSATION WITH BRUCE TIMM

Nikita returns to NYCC with series stars Maggie Q (Mission: Impossible 3), Shane West (ER) and Lyndsy Fonseca (Kick-Ass) joining producer Albert Kim to reveal classified video and information. The second season finds Nikita and Michael on the run with a black box containing the government's darkest secrets. Leading the hunt for them is Alex ... and she knows all of Nikita's tricks. From Wonderland Sound and Vision in association with Warner Bros. Television, Nikita airs Fridays at 8/7c on The CW. Become a fan of the show on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nikita and follow The CW on Twitter @CW_network. Speaker(s): Lyndsy Fonseca, Maggie Q and Shane West.

NIKITA SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION AND Q&A

After blazing a trail around the globe in the worldwide hit Ghost Rider, Nicolas Cage returns as Johnny Blaze in Columbia Pictures' Ghost Rider – Spirit of Vengeance. Still struggling with his curse as the devil's bounty hunter, Blaze is hiding out in a remote part of Eastern Europe when he is recruited by a secret sect to save a young boy (Fergus Riordan) from the devil (Ciaran Hinds). At first, Johnny is reluctant to embrace the power of the Ghost Rider again, but it is the only way to protect the boy – and possibly rid himself of his curse forever. Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor, the directors of the film, will be in attendance to give you a look at their vision for the film in 3D and their no-holds-barred style of directing. Speaker(s): Brian Taylor and Mark Neveldine.

GHOST RIDER – SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE

Calling all "Lost" fans – join creators and executive producers Edward Kitsis and Adam Horowitz ("Lost" and "Tron: Legacy") as well as Erin Felentzer as they introduce you to the magical story of two parallel worlds: one in a distant fairytale land, the other in a present-day reality. Following the exclusive screening of the pilot, Eddy and Adam will participate in a

Q&A panel moderated by Matt Mitovich, Editor-at-Large for TVLine.com, about this modern fairytale turned on its head. Arrive early for exclusive magic mirrors! Speaker(s): Adam Horowitz, Edward Kitsis, Erin Felentzer and Matt Mitovich.

"ONCE UPON A TIME" EXCLUSIVE SCREENING AND PANEL

Join Executive Producer Brannon Braga (Star Trek: Enterprise, 24) and stars Jason O'Mara (Life on Mars) and Stephen Lang (Avatar) of FOX's hit sci-fi adventure series for a sneak peek screening of the upcoming episode "The Runaway" followed by a fan Q&A and moderated discussion with TV Guide Magazine's Rich Sands. 85 million years in the making, this new event drama from the brilliant minds of Steven Spielberg (Jurassic Park, The Pacific) and Peter Chernin, follows an ordinary family on an extraordinary journey back in time to prehistoric Earth as a part of a massive expedition to save the human race. Speaker(s): Brannon Braga, Jason O'Mara and Stephen Lang.

TERRA NOVA

Come check out the latest news, announcements and developments from Crunchyroll.

CRUNCHYROLL

The New York Comic Con is very excited to hold a special screening before our Saturday night Masquerade. At 8 PM on Saturday night in the IGN Theater, we'll be presenting the international premiere of Kono Danshi Uchujin to Tatakaemasu (This Boy Can Fight Aliens). This 28 minutes animation is the debut work for Soubi Yamamoto, a 21-year-old female director influenced by Makoto Shinkai's Voices of a Distant Star. Comix Wave Films will introduce the screening. Here's the synopsis... Aliens suddenly invade the world. Arikawa and Shiro from the Special Alien Countermeasures Headquarters pick up Kakashi, a high school boy who has lost his memories and collapsed on a hill. Kakashi has the power to

fight the aliens for some reason, and while living a strange life with the easy-going Arikawa and the strict Shiro, he fights the aliens each day. All the while, Arikawa watches over him kindly, and Shiro is strict but also concerned. Kakashi risks his life to protect the world, but when he learns the truth he loses his reason to fight. NYCC's Masquerade will immediately follow.

KONO DANSHI UCHUJIN TO TATAKAEMASU INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

Syfy Series Haven will be at NYCC on Friday! In attendance will be Emily Rose (Jericho, Brothers and Sisters), Lucas Bryant (Queers as Folk, MVP) and Eric Balfour (24, Six Feet Under). The hit summer series, based on the novella "The Colorado Kid" from renowned author Stephen King, follows former FBI agent Aubrey Parker (Rose), who becomes a cop in the small town of Haven, Maine and soon discovers the town's many secrets, which also holds the key to unlocking the mysteries of her lost past. The creative team behind Haven includes Executive Producer John Morayniss (The Firm, Hell on Wheels) and Noreen Halpern (Hung, Rookie Blue) from eOne Television and David MacLeod (Legends of the Fall, The Ray Bradbury Theater) of Big Motion Pictures, who are joined by Lloyed Segan, Shawn Piller, Scott Piller, Scott Shepherd (Stephen King's The Dead Zone) and Matt McGuinness (Journeyman) as well as Sam Ernst & Jim Dunn (Stephen King's The Dead Zone), who also developed the series. Speaker(s): Emily Rose, Eric Balfour and Lucas Bryant.

HAVEN

Fans of acclaimed action thriller Person of Interest - the new hit television series from creator/executive producer Jonathan Nolan (The Dark Knight films) and J.J. Abrams's Bad Robot Productions (Fringe) - can see it on the big screen as the show makes its New York Comic Con debut with a special screening presented by Warner Bros. Television. The episode screening will feature an exclusive introduction by series star Michael Emerson (Lost) that was shot specifically for the New

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York Comic Con audience on the show's location in New York City this week. Person of Interest stars Jim Caviezel (The Thin Red Line, Taraji P. Henson (The Curious Case of Benjamin Button), Kevin Chapman (Rescue Me) and Michael Emerson. Jonathan Nolan created the series and serves as executive producer with J.J. Abrams, Greg Plageman (Cold Case) and Bryan Burk (Fringe). From Bonanza Productions Inc. in association with Bad Robot Productions and Warner Bros. Television, Person of Interest airs Thursdays 9/8c on CBS. Become a fan of the show on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PersonOfInterestCBS> and follow the show on Twitter @ PersonInterest .

