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COMICSPRO RETAILER PROGRAMMING: FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Free Comic Book Day is the biggest international comics event of the year - does your store make the best use of this promotion? Discover more ways to make FCBD work for you while keeping an eye on your budget. Join Chris Brady of 4 Color Fantasies (Rancho Cucamonga, CA), and Stephen Mayer of Acme Comics (Greensboro, NC) for detailed information on how to make your Free Comic Book Day event even more successful. The Possibilities of a Cape and Mask - How to Incorporate Superheroes into Public Library Programming

Superheroes in libraries can go well beyond the graphic novel collections and the occasional superhero storytime. Right now, superheroes are more popular than ever and enjoy almost universal appeal regardless of age or gender. The prevailing themes surrounding superheroes (costumes, capes, secret identities, arch villains, etc) make them an instantly recognized thing. This program will talk about how public libraries can use the concept of the superhero as a universal icon to create fun and cost effective library programs.

CULTIVATING THE CREATIVE ENERGIES OF YOUR STUDENTS WITH COMIC BOOKS, PUPPETRY AND THE ARTS

Learn how you can bring comic books, art and puppetry into your classroom, library, or after school program and add a unique way of teaching lessons and cultivating the creative energy of your students. Join writer Alex Simmons (Archie/Blackjack), Sesame Street's Leslie Carrara-Rudolph (Abby Cadabby), Executive Director of Bronx Heroes Comic Con Ray Felix and Executive Director of the Jim Henson Legacy Bonnie Erickson, as they share their experiences and the opportunities that you can bring your students.

CHANGING THE GAME WITH THE GRAPHIC TEXTBOOK

The Graphic Textbook from Reading With Pictures raised \$77k on Kickstarter and was featured on NPR, Wired.com and the Chicago Tribune.

And that was just the beginning! Meet the creators and educators behind this groundbreaking book that promises to revolutionize the role of comics in the classroom and find out how you can get involved!

Brand Licensing and Product Management

This panel is all about getting your brands out there across multiple media outlets: Games, Comics, Apps, etc. It will host some of the top people in Brand Management and help professionals learn how to get their brands. Representatives will be on hand to talk about taking a brand digital, into the toy market and tell stories on how companies launched successful brands across multiple platforms.

CREATIVITY IS THE ULTIMATE SUPER POWER: USING COMICS IN COMMUNITIES & CLASSROOMS FOR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND NON-VIOLENCE EDUCATION

Forget fiction and fantasy - a new breed of true heroes uses creativity as an alternative to the fight or flight powers depicted on the pulp pages. The very real Art Force Five have presented more than one-hundred workshops for schools and community centers - most importantly they give attendees the skills to implement change within their own communities and classrooms. With a special focus on diversity, bullying and non-violent conflict resolution, this panel is a must for educators and social justice advocates. Sponsored by Alfred University.

LIBRARY AS MYTHIC ORACLE

Speculative fiction, which includes comic-book literature, as well as science fiction and fantasy, had always been an overlooked genre. It was condemned to the very fringes of "serious" literary research, and considered to be the province of geeks, nerds, and social outcasts. In recent years however, that has all changed. Geek culture has assumed its place among scholarly pursuits in many colleges and universities. Films based upon comic book characters are made into sweeping motion picture epics with genuine cinematic and literary merit. The heroes, villains, and settings of these stories have woven themselves into a kind of "modern mythology" for the information age. But how are our contemporary heroes

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different from the legends of old? In the ancient world, the strong and valiant hero was assisted by a sage, or mentor. In our modern mythologies, the hero often fulfills both roles. The intellectual hero is at least as capable, if not more so, than the brawny warrior. This panel will the many different ways that our 21st-century, Information-savvy culture has influenced the re-telling of the hero's journey, and created a new mythology for a geek-centered culture.

SURVIVING THE PUBLIC (UNSHELVED)

Tough customers got you down? Let us teach you how to stop worrying and learn to enjoy difficult people! In this 50 minute keynote we focus on the Unshelved approach to customer service: the customer is seldom right. Most customer service interactions can be enjoyable if you have the right frame of mind. Or, failing that, at least you can have the last laugh. While this keynote focuses on customer service in libraries, anyone who deals with the public will enjoy it.

GAMES AND LEARNING

Meet with top educators who are using video games to help children learn. The panel will host Game Designers, Educational Leaders and Teachers to discuss the merits of games and education. It will also show practical uses for how games can be used in the classroom to stimulate learning and ideas among all ages of children.

COMICSPRO RETAILER PROGRAMMING: COMICS AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Join Thomas Gaul, of Corner Store Comics and Beach Ball Comics (Anaheim, CA) to learn how building a stronger community, both locally and online, can strengthen your business foundation and boost your bottom line. From charitable events and successful parties to social media campaigns and more, this is all about having fun while building brand recognition and loyalty.

FOOLPROOF GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Building and maintaining a graphic novel collection in a library can be difficult for some librarians. But it doesn't have to be. Two New Jersey librarians will show you how to get the releases that your customers want and insure that you continue to get their favorites. They will also impart tips on getting essential selections for all age groups, networking with your local comics retailers to help the CE process, creating excitement about your library's graphic novel collections, and convincing administrators that comics are popular with all types of library users.

PITCHING FOR PROFESSIONALS

When you finally have an editor willing to hear your ideas, will you be ready? From tips on how to succeed in a "bake-off" competition to how to present ideas cold, this panel will help you and your project get the green light it deserves! Listen in as former Marvel and IDW editor Andy Schmidt, IDW Editor-in-Chief Chris Ryall and Marvel Editor Nick Lowe discuss the ins-and-outs of pitching!

CREATING COMICS THE COMIXOLOGY WAY

ComiXology has transformed the industry in making comics available everywhere and has also created the foundation for new ways of digital comic storytelling. Originally created to create the feel of reading a full page comic on small screens, comiXology's revolutionary Guided View technology has evolved to dramatically change how comic stories are being told. From early experiments like Box 13 and Valentine to more recent efforts like Power Play and Marvel's Infinite Comics, comiXology's Guided View has ushered in a new era in comic book creation. Join comiXology co-founders David Steinberger and John D. Roberts as they discuss the ins and outs of creating comics using the Guided View tools and reveal comiXology's plans for these tools and options for creators to work with comiXology!

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BRING YOUR IDEA INTO THE GAME

Helping professionals get the tools in hand to bring their game design ideas into a reality. Representatives from various software and hardware companies will be on hand to discuss how to develop your games. The panel will have a huge focus on independent game design and launching a finished game.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

As social media grows and followers become more important than customers, we will take a look at using Social Media tools and platforms to promote your products and work with the community of fans that exist for different genres like: Comics, Games, TV. Community Managers from video games and social media will be on hand to talk about growing a strong fanbase around different products.

NEAL ADAMS SPOTLIGHT

Join legendary artist/writer/creator Neal Adams (nealadams.com) and new springboard artist, Josh Adams (whatwouldjoshdo.com), for a rowdy storytelling Q&A session covering Neal's successes (and failures), and the incredible personalities and creatives that Neal has been lucky enough to work with in the industry, and Josh's initiation at the deep end of this crazy creative pool. Time spent creating and presenting some of the most iconic images of your favorite Marvel and DC characters. Sometimes rowdy and rambunctious, sometimes just plain funny, yesterday and today.

HASBRO: TRANSFORMERS

Transformers Brand & Design team members and Hasbro Studios will present big news for what's new and next with the "Robots in Disguise!" Fans won't want to miss this panel featuring exciting, never before seen "More Than Meets The Eye" reveals of what's to come in animation, action figures and more!

PROTECTING AND SELLING YOUR COMIC BOOK OR GRAPHIC NOVEL –THE BUILDING BLOCKS

Creating a comic is a labor of love, but make the wrong move and it can become a legal nightmare. Can you protect your comic book ideas? How do you register a copyright? What is "work for hire" and how can it hurt or help you? What should you watch out for in a publishing agreement? We'll help you identify the legal traps waiting for an unwary author (infringement, joint authorship, defamation, rights of publicity), with the help of "Maggot Man" the world's most legally-problematic superhero! Comics Studies Conference: The Origins of Leaping Tall Buildings: Finding New Ways to Document the Creators Behind the Comics Hannah Means-Shannon (Georgian Court University) leads a discussion with the creators of Leaping Tall Buildings: the Origins of American Comics artist Christopher Irving, photographer Seth Kushner and designer Eric Skillman on the strategies they developed to create this unique and significant book on American comics for scholars and fans.

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY PRESENTS: HOW TO EDIT A GRAPHIC NOVEL

What does it take to edit Graphic Novels? As this category grows, new strategies and new creators have emerged. Publishers Weekly's Heidi MacDonald talks to the editors who are standing behind some of the most notable and beloved books of the graphic novel revolution to find out what it takes and what's next. With Karen Berger, Senior VP-Executive Editor Vertigo Comics; Carol Burrell, Editorial Director, Lerner Graphic Universe; Callista Brill, editor, First Second; JuYoun Lee, Senior Editor, Yen Press; and James Lucas Jones, editor-in-chief, Oni Press.

SPOTLIGHT ON IRWIN HASEN

From Golden Age stories of Wonder Woman and Wildcat, to his long run on Dondi, to his graphic-memoir LoverBoy, Irwin Hasen has been thrilling readers for 75 years. Joining him is Al Jaffee (Mad), Arnold Roth (National Lampoon), Paul Levitz (former President and Publisher of DC Comics), J. David Spurlock (publisher of Irwin's graphic memoir LoverBoy) and many

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other famous friends of Irwin who will pay tribute to this amazing man. Danny Fingeroth (The Stan Lee Universe) moderates.

DC COLLECTIBLES

Action figures, statues, busts, PVC figures... DC Collectibles has them all – and more! Join the DC Collectibles crew led by DCE's Co-Publisher Jim Lee with Director – Creative Services Jim Fletcher, Director – Product Management Ryan Mansour, Executive Director – Business Development Nancy Spears, artist Lee Bermejo and others to hear how they come up with so many great products, and what's coming up from comics' top makers of awesome collectibles!

JUSTICE IS SERVED

Cops, P.I.'s, government agents and regular Joe's fight for all that is good and just in these Science-Fiction and Fantasy tales, even if the villains are vampires, telepaths and the magically gifted. These protagonists solve crimes, kick-ass and don't let anyone--supernatural or otherwise--stand in the way of justice. Featuring Myke Cole (CONTROL POINT), Thomas E. Sniegowski (Remy Chandler Novels), Jacqueline Carey (Dark Currents), Christopher Bennet (Only Superhuman), G.T. Almasi (Blades of Winter), Amber Benson (Calliope-Reaper Jones Novels) and Kim Harrison (Into the Woods). Moderated by Michael P. Spradlin (Blood Riders).

PROTECTING AND SELLING YOUR COMIC BOOK OR GRAPHIC NOVEL – FROM THE PANEL TO PAGE TO THE BIG SCREEN

Comic books are the new screenplays. Are you ready to deal with Hollywood? In this panel, we will focus on getting a production deal and licensing your work for film, TV and online content. Professional guests will share Hollywood deal-making war stories as we explore what to look out for when negotiating with "Tinseltown" and demystify publishing contracts, option agreements, webisode deals and the ever-elusive "Net Profit." Comics Studies Conference: Power and Sexuality in Comics Cameron McKee (UC-Berkeley) argues that Tom of Finland's subversion of

heterosexual spaces in Kake constructs an iconic gay identity. Sam Cannon (UT-Austin) shows how the sequential artistry in Los Penitentes intersects with (homo)sexuality and political power. Evan Johnson (UT-Dallas) explores the sublimation of female power in the Marvel Universe.

STREET FIGHTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It's hard to believe that the world's greatest fighting game franchise is 25 years old! Find out about the worldwide Street Fighter 25th Anniversary plans which include the ultimate Street Fighter tournament series, the feature packed Collector's Set, and more. Experience the exclusive features in the PS Vita and iOS versions of Street Fighter X Tekken and battle on the go! A few lucky fans will be selected to take part in the Street Fighter 25th Anniversary Trivia Contest hosted by Tomoaki Ayano (Street Fighter X Tekken Producer) and Yoshinori Ono (Street Fighter Series Executive Producer) to win awesome prizes or face incredible shame before all of Street Fighter fandom! Plus, some serious surprises! Followed by a Q&A session.

MAKING THE CASE FOR TEACHING WITH GRAPHIC NOVELS

Comics and graphic novels are gaining a wider acceptance as both entertainment and literature, but there are still many who see them only as "dumbed down books." Many teachers, however, understand comics to be a complex art form which engage the reader on several levels of comprehension and literacy. Diamond BookShelf editor Mark Banaszak and a panel of experts will offer advice and strategies for teachers who would like to incorporate comics into their lesson plans but find resistance with administration or parents.

COMICS PROS AND FILM BUFFS: WHEN FANBOYS COLLIDE

Join TV Film Critics and Comic Book Pros as they Discuss How Classic and Current Films and Comics influence each other. Critics Ben Mankiewicz (TCM) and Matt Singer (INDIEWIRE.COM) join Comic Books Pros Gabriel

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Hardman Jeff Parker and Martin Pasko as they discuss how the two worlds have intersected since the silent film era to today's hit films and comics. The panel will be moderated by John Siuntres, Host of the Word Balloon Podcast.

MY LITTLE PONY

Join special guests from Hasbro Studios and The HUB TV Network's "My Little Pony Friendship is Magic" as they share details of the making of the animated series and how the "friendship" and "magic" are brought to life. Fans won't want to miss it! Also includes Q&A time.

Digital Comics: The Next Page – Hosted by iVerse Media
iVerse and ComicsPlus host an entertaining and engaging dialogue on what's next for digital comics, especially as it relates to creators, publishers, retailers, librarians and, not the least of all, readers. Mark Waid (Thrillbent, Daredevil) joins Michael Murphey (iVerse, ComicsPlus), Mike Pellerito (Archie Comics, Red Circle) and Josh Elder (Reading with Pictures) along with other industry thought leaders and professionals to discuss and debate what's new and what's just about to appear over the digital horizon...and the opportunities for everyone who has a stake in the industry. Moderated by iVerse Director of Business Development, Steve May.

DC COMICS – THE NEW 52: SUPERMAN

Since the launch of the New 52, Superman has been flying higher than ever! Join Group Editor Matt Idelson and SUPER talent Mahmud Asrar (Supergirl), Grant Morrison (Action Comics), to take fans new and old up, up and away with a sneak peak at what's in store for Superman.

The Image Revolution Documentary

Twenty years ago, the seven biggest superstars in comics created a company that changed the industry and started a creator rights revolution. From Spawn to The Walking Dead, discover the highs, lows, secrets and controversies of Image Comics in an exclusive sneak preview of The Image Revolution, a new documentary from the creators of Grant Morrison: Talking With Gods and Warren Ellis: Captured Ghosts. Speaking

on the panel will be director Patrick Meaney, producer Jordan Rennert and Sequart's Mike Phillips, along with moderator F.J. De Santo, and a special guest! At San Diego Comic Con, Marc Silvestri appeared on the panel, who will be on this one?

THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF BECOMING FAMOUS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE IT BIG

You have created your own comic book hero, with all the powers in the world, but beware the super villain, the cranky intellectual property attorney who believes your superhero is an unauthorized clone of his client's. 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 creations; and how to avoid improperly using someone else's works. Michael Lee, Esq. of the law firm Gibney, Anthony & Flaherty, LLP moderates this exciting and educational panel that is followed by a question and answer session.

COMICS STUDIES CONFERENCE: CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING THE SUPERHERO

Forrest Helvie (Norwalk CC) discusses how the conventional hero of Transcendentalists and Gothic writers contributed to superheroes like Batman. David Lewis (Boston University) explains why superheroes never really die and the "superhero afterlife subgenre." Rachelanne Smith (CSU-Sacramento) discusses how South Park's Coon character clarifies society's need for the altruistic hero.

BOYS AND THEIR TOYS – THE INCREDIBLE RESURGENCE OF THE 1/6 SCALE ACTION FIGURE

From Barbie to GI Joe and back again - the 1/6 scale action figure has

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never been hotter with collectors, Fans and kids of all ages. Join an all-star panel for a look at what makes this enduring category even more popular with Jon Roman (Toys R Us) Steve Forde (Go Hero), Klim Kozinevech (Bigshot Toys) and Joe Ahearn (Captain Action). Moderated by Ed Catto (Captain Action).

ARCANA COMICS

2012 is poised to be Arcana Comics' biggest year yet. We're launching our new SteamPunk Originals line, teaming up with Gene Simmons on his Simmons Comics Group featuring Zipper, Dominatrix, and Gene Simmons' House of Horror, introducing a slew of new titles to our ArcanaBenderspink line, and working with the production company behind The Hangover, the Butterfly Effect, and others. On top of that our special guests on hand will be the creators of Head Smash, a new graphic novel and film in development with The Vadar Company. They'll have a limited edition preview of Head Smash available, Head Smash Skull Masks, and other giveaways. Come get your hands dirty with Head Smash, Vadar and Arcana Comics!

SURVIVING COLLABORATION

Comics are a collaborative medium. Do you know how to bring out the best from your collaborators? Join former Marvel and IDW editor/writer Andy Schmidt, pro penciler Robert Atkins, and pro colorist and former editor Chris Sotomayor as they discuss collaborative best practices, tips for writers and artists, and strategies for handling editor feedback. Become the kind of creator everyone wants to work with!

Roddenberry Entertainment Pizza Party Presents

Roddenberry Entertainment, 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 Entertainments Producer Tory Mell will be showing clips from their new film White Room: 02B3 and Trek Nation, previewing 2 new Graphic Novels, and throwing a pizza party at the panel!

SIR TERRY PRATCHETT INTRODUCES...DODGER

Regarded as one of the most significant contemporary English-language satirists, Sir Terry Pratchett's acclaimed novels have sold over 75 million copies and have been translated into 36 languages. Join Sir Terry for a discussion on his newest young adult novel, DODGER.

ONI PRESS - REVOLUTIONIZING COMICS

This year Oni Press is making the "call-your-mom," "blow-your-mind" type of announcements as we celebrate our fifteenth year of publishing. With special guests Cullen Bunn (Sixth Gun), Ananth Panagariya (Johnny Wander), Chad Bowers (Awesome Hospital), Chris Sims (Comics Alliance) and more! Moderated by the most awesomest marketing coordinator you'll ever meet, Tom Shimmin. Get an exclusive look at the top-secret projects that are coming up in 2013! Note: Once shared, the projects will no longer be top secret.

THE OFFICIAL ASPEN COMICS PANEL 2012

Join Aspen Comics top creators as they reveal all new series and artwork debuting in 2013 and beyond including Fathom, Soulfire, Executive Assistant Assassins and more. Aspen's creators will also be holding an intimate Q&A with fans.

PASSION, POWER AND PARANORMALS!

Authors Keri Arthur, Maureen Johnson, Tahereh Mafi, Tonya Hurley, Margaret Stohl, Dan Krokos, Alexandra Bracken and Kalayna Price discuss the inclusion of romantic elements in their action-packed novels. If dating the undead wasn't tricky enough, these protagonists must also battle the forces of evil while trying to keep their sanity and the world safe from destruction. Moderator Jocelyn Davies will have the authors divulging the steamy details behind creating their characters and their tricky love affairs. Marvel NOW!: Join the ReEvolution

Want the scoop on the major players involved in Marvel NOW!? Axel Alonso (Editor in Chief), Tom Brevoort (SVP Executive Editor), Senior Editor Nick Lowe (Uncanny X-Men), Senior Editor Mark Paniccia, Mark Waid

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(Indestructible Hulk), Rick Remender (Uncanny Avengers), Kieron Gillen (Iron Man) and Arune Singh (Director of Communications) are on hand to give the 411 on the Fantastic Four, FF, Hulk and much more!

APPLE KISSA PARTY TIME

Come spend an hour partying with Apple Kissa Maid Café! We'll answer questions, sing some songs, dance some dances and give out prizes!

Vertigo: A View from the Cutting Edge of Comics

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 Rafael Albuquerque (American Vampire), Brian Azzarello (Spaceman), Ryan Kelly (Saucer Country), Jeff Lemire (Sweet Tooth), Dustin Nguyen (American Vampire: Lord of Nightmares), Scott Snyder (American Vampire), Bill Willingham (Fables, Fairest) and more Vertigo blood!

DIGITAL PRICE SHOWDOWN

Everyone is talking about what the "right" price is for digital comics. Should it be full price for same day as print or should every comic be 99 cents ala iTunes? The conversation has been heated online and today it jumps into the physical realm! Join author and futurist Rob Salkowitz (Comic-Con and the Business of Pop Culture) along with comiXology co-founder John D. Roberts, SVP Sales Publishing David Gabriel of Marvel Comics, publisher Ted Adams of IDW Publishing for a talk that you won't want to miss.

MADOKA MAGICA (ANIPLEX)

"Has a loving family and best friends, laughs and cries from time to time..." Madoka Kaname, an eighth grader at Mitakihara middle school, lives such a life, until one day she has a very magical encounter. She doesn't know if it's by chance or by fate yet, but this meeting will change her destiny. This is the beginning of a new story of magical girls. Inside "The Batmobile"

"No vehicle has ever captured fans' imagination like the Batmobile. Be

among the first to see the entire one-hour documentary, "The Batmobile Dark Horse Presents: Yoshitaka Amano
Legendary Japanese artist, Yoshitaka Amano makes a rare stateside appearance at New York Comic Con! Join Dark Horse in celebrating the life and work of Amano, just before the highly anticipated release of Sky: The Art of Final Fantasy.

MTV GEEK

Check out the latest from MTV Geek!

Grant Morrison Spotlight

Join Grant Morrison, one of the most creative and original writers to ever grace the comic book industry, as he discusses his career and work.

DC ENTERTAINMENT: TALENT SEARCH

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.)

CHARACTERS: HARDCORE VS. BADASS

What makes one character Hardcore and another Badass? Is there really a difference? Novelist Max Gladstone breaks it down by dissecting some of the greatest heroes and villains from books, gaming, comics, film and television, revealing the unique alchemy of each one and what every writer needs to think about in order to create truly unforgettable characters.

DARE2DRAW

Dare2Draw is a non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide networking, mentoring and promoting opportunities, for cartoonists of all levels, while raising money for artists in need. Special Dare2Draw

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Convention Program: At the Dare2Draw: "Face-Off", professionals, hopeful artists and Fans will be drawing together and participating in the "Quick Draw" Contest, using dynamic action models. There will be prizes and samples provided by our awesome sponsors. All drawings by the professionals will be donated to raise money to help artists in need. With Simon Fraser and other Special Guests! Hosted by Liza Biggers. Supplies will be provided for all contestants.

EXPANDING THE EXPERIENCE: VIDEO GAMES & COMICS

Building on the success of Mass Effect and Dragon Age, join Dark Horse for a sneak preview of the next wave of comics tied to the coming year's hottest gaming properties!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER - FIRST LOOK AT THE ANIMATED GRAPHIC NOVEL

Join acclaimed Content Director/Producer Javier Soto, Key Concept Artist Nimit Malavia and Animation Director Matt Whelan as they preview and discuss the amazing animated graphic novel, The GREAT CALAMITY, which will be exclusive to the upcoming "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" Blu-ray release.

SETTING THE SCORE: COMPOSING FOR FILM & TELEVISION

Composers of science fiction, fantasy and horror discuss the behind the scenes work in scoring for film and television. Together they will give the audience a sneak peek into their work on their fan-favorite films and television shows. The panel will feature a Q&A and special give-aways. Featuring composers: Dino Meneghin ("MTV's Teen Wolf"), Frederik Wiedmann ("Green Lantern Animated Series"), Jay Vincent ("Ninjago"), Kevin Manthei ("Invader Zim", "Ultimate Spider-Man"), and Will Bates ("Another Earth"). This panel will be moderated Matthew Patches (Editor, Hollywood.com).

WONDROUS WORLDS, FRACTURED FUTURES: SPECULATIVE FICTION AND IMAGE COMICS

With the unlimited potential of comics, there is perhaps no better medium for speculative fiction than comics. Limited only by their imaginations, Image Comics creators have been creating far-flung universes where science, fantasy, and technology explode in rich possibilities. Find out why they choose science fiction, how they build worlds, and what inspires them in a conversation moderated by Elephantmen creator Richard Starkings. With Fiona Staples and Brian K. Vaughan (Saga), Brian Wood and Ming Doyle (Mara), David Hine (Storm Dogs), Joe Harris (Great Pacific), and Glen Brunswick (Non-Humans).

CBLDF: THE HISTORY OF COMICS CENSORSHIP

Learn the shocking history of comics censorship and how even today comics and the people who make, sell, and read them are threatened. CBLDF executive director Charles Brownstein tells the sordid tale, from the public book burnings and Senate hearings that led to the Comics Code Authority in the 1950s through the attacks on Underground comix in the 1970s and retailer busts in the 1980s up to modern attacks on readers and artists. This program includes the latest research on comics censorship, including new cases developing this year. Come learn about your rights, and how the CBLDF works to protect them!

CROISEE IN A FOREIGN LABYRINTH (ANIME NETWORK)

Are you a fan of cute girls doing cute things? Croisee in a Foreign Labyrinth is the show for you! In the late 19th century, a young Japanese girl is dropped into the unfamiliar world of France. What proceeds is a delightful slice of life romp through the trials of a girl with no idea what to do in a world that ebbs and flows in a completely unfamiliar way.

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MARVEL: HOUSE OF IDEAS

Love having the best comics in the industry on your mobile devices? Want to know how Marvel stays on the cutting edge of technology while bringing you what you've come to love? Want to learn more about Infinite Comics? Well, this panel is for you, True Believer! Get exciting news from David Gabriel (SVP of Sales), Ryan Penagos (Executive Editorial Director of Digital), Kristen Vincent (Director of Product Strategy), Senior Editor Nick Lowe, Senior Editor Steve Wacker, Mark Waid (Daredevil), writer Matt Kindt and Arune Singh (Director of Communications) on what's happening on the Marvel Comics App, Marvel Dot Com, Marvel's vast social media presence and more in this can't-miss panel.

ANIPLEX OF AMERICA

From the company who brought you the best in Anime including Durarara!!, Fate/Zero, Puella Magi Madoka Magica, 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. From the Latest Anime to Special Announcements, come and see what Aniplex of America has in store for 2012 and beyond. Join us as we talk about their current works and answer your questions. There will also be some special giveaways including rare items from Japan.

COMICS, HOLLYWOOD - WHAT CREATORS NEED TO KNOW

More comics are being turned into films, and creators have important questions about how Hollywood works. Get actionable information from top creators who have navigated the TV and movie business. Featuring special guests: Jimmy Palmiotti (Comic book writer) Jonah Hex and Screenwriter Painkiller Jane, Matt Hawkins (Top Cow Entertainment Publisher), Ross Richie (Boom Entertainment Publisher) and Jane Espenson (TV writer of Husbands, Buffy, Warehouse 13). Host: Buddy Scalera of ComicBookSchool.com.

STAR WARS BOOKS

Join New York Times bestselling author Tim Zahn, author of the upcoming novel Star Wars: Scoundrels, Lucasfilm's Pablo Hidalgo, author of Star Wars: The Essential Reader's Companion, Jason Fry, author of Star Wars: The Essential Guide to Warfare, and Del Rey's Frank Parisi and Erich Schoeneweiss as they discuss the present and future of the Star Wars Expanded Universe.

Brian Wood & Dark Horse: From World's End to the Galaxy's Beginnings Dark Horse turns the spotlight on creator, Brian Wood, to discuss both his creator-owned and licensed works at the largest independent publisher! Musical Comedians Dave and Brian Live

"Comedians Dave and Brian are a nationally touring musical comedy duo based out of Philadelphia, PA. Their high energy live show consists of hilarious original songs and stand-up comedy. They have been described as "truly phenomenal

ANIME NETWORK

Anime Network celebrates our 10th anniversary with announcements, sneak peaks and a very special giveaway!

Marvel NOW!: All-New X-Men

What's happening NOW! with Marvel's mutants? What bold new directions will the Children of the Atom head off in? Find out as Axel Alonso (Editor in Chief), Senior Editor Nick Lowe, Editor Jeanine Schaefer, Rick Remender (Uncanny Avengers), Dennis Hopeless (Cable & The X-Force), Peter David (X-Factor) and Arune Singh (Director of Communications) spill the beans on the future of the X-Men!

HOW TO GET A JOB IN THE VIDEO GAME INDUSTRY WITH CAPCOM

Moderator Francis Mao (CAPCOM) leads a panel of industry insiders from a variety of game companies and industry outlets to share with you how they got to "play video games for a living," and the wide assortment of career paths that are available so you don't have to be a programming whiz

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or a stellar digital artist in order to have a fun career in the video game industry. Hear about what job opportunities are available in areas such as Marketing, Public Relations, Retail, Design, Publishing, Editorial and more! There will be a Q&A session plus an opportunity to speak with and network one-on-one with the panelists after the session.

MAESTROS OF HORROR & SCI-FI MUSIC

Award-winning Composers JASON GRAVES (Dead Space Series, Prey 2, Resistance: Burning Skies); KEVIN RIEPL (Aliens: Colonial Marines, Gears of War, Resistance: Burning Skies); SAM HULICK (Mass Effect 3, Mass Effect 2, Mass Effect); SASCHA DIKICIYAN (Mass Effect 3, Space Marine, TRON: Evolution); TOM SALTA (Halo: Combat Evolved Anniversary); CRIS VELASCO (Mass Effect 3, Space Marine, Clive Barker's Jericho) and Grammy® award-winning Artist/Producer NILE RODGERS, Founder of Sumthing Else Music Works—the premier label for video game soundtracks—will discuss composing music for the horror and sci-fi genres and the artform of scoring video games.

ADAM WEST AND BURT WARD SPOTLIGHT

POW! BAM! The caped crusaders are together again! NYCC turns the spotlight on the dynamic duo for a panel no 1960s Batman TV series fan could stand to miss!

REVOLUTIONARY GIRL UTENA (RIGHTSTUF)

"Never lose that strength or nobility, even when you grow up." When Utena was just a child and in the depths of sorrow, she found salvation in those words. They were the words of a prince, who wrapped her in his rose-scented embrace and bestowed upon her both a ring and the promise that it would lead her to him again. Now a spirited teenager, Utena attends the prestigious Ohtori Academy. However, her strong sense of chivalry soon places her at odds with the school's student council and thrusts her into a series of mysterious and dangerous duels against its members.

THE 501ST LEGION'S "SHOOT-A-TROOPER"

We know Star Wars fans have a Rebellious streak...are you ready to take out some of your frustrations on a servant of the Empire? Shoot-A-Trooper Blaster Range, arms participants with Nerf guns and puts them against hapless (perhaps masochistic) troopers. All funds go to charity so take pride in sticking it to the Empire for an optional small donation!

DCE: FROM CONCEPT TO PAGE

What does it take to create a new comic book? Find out at this amazing panel, where DCE has assembled the entire creative team of a comic book, including the editor, writer, penciller, inker and more! Learn how a new project is developed before the script is even written, and the many steps that happen after the artwork is complete!

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD Q&A

"Great Scott!" Christopher Lloyd is holding a Q&A session just for NYCC Fans!

DEBUTING THE VISION MACHINE IPAD APP!

Get a first look at the future of enhanced digital comics as writer Greg Pak ("Planet Hulk," "Robot Stories") and voice actor Phil LaMarr ("Futurama," "Justice League") debut the iPad app version of Pak's acclaimed sci-fi graphic novel "Vision Machine," which includes a full soundtrack, music, animation and amazing interactive features. And get a free copy of the "Vision Machine" paperback! Also featured on the panel: app developer Barrett Fox (Coco Studios), funder Karim Ahmad (ITVS) and internet superstar musician Jonathan Coulton, who's interviewed in app's extras.

EDITORS ON EDITING

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. Join Filip Sablik (Former Publisher, Top Cow; Sales: Boom Entertainment), Scott Allie (Editor, Dark Horse), plus a surprise editorial addition, not yet announced! Host: Buddy Scalera of ComicBookSchool.com.

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TEENS AT THE END OF TIME

Apocalyptic, post-apocalyptic and dystopian stories are super-hot in Young Adult/Teen Fiction. From THE HUNGER GAMES to ROT & RUIN, kids are devouring books about the end of civilization...and that's a GOOD thing. Discover why we can all feel good about the fascination today's teens have with these books. Join Jonathan Maberry, New York Times bestseller, multiple Bram Stoker Award winner and Marvel Comics writer for a lively discussion about why we should encourage kids to explore the literary apocalypse.

WRITING TO BE DRAWN (COMIC BOOK WRITING & ART TUTORIAL)

An all-star cast of experienced, working comic book writers and 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. Join Jerry Ordway (Shazam, Superman), Cully Hamner (Red, Blue Beetle), Bill Willingham (Fables, Shadowpact), and Michael Oeming (Red Sonja, Powers). Host: Buddy Scalera of ComicBookSchool.com

BYAKKOKAN DOJO

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 kata and test cutting. We welcome everyone to come watch and ask questions afterwards.

VALIANT: THE FUTURE OF VALIANT

Valiant is back and, six months in, the buzz couldn't be bigger for the most successful relaunch in comics! Now, find out what the future holds for the Valiant Universe with an exclusive round of announcements and in-depth discussion featuring Joshua Dysart (Harbinger), Duane Swierczynski (Bloodshot), Fred Van Lente (Archer & Armstrong), Justin Jordan

(Shadowman), Executive Editor Warren Simons, Chief Creative Officer Dinesh Shamdasani, and a ton of surprise special guests! The secret revelations you've been waiting for are about to be revealed as the next great phase in Valiant Comics begins, only at NYCC! Plus, no fan will want to miss the special door prizes Valiant will have on hand for every panel attendee.

DC COMICS: GREEN LANTERN – THE THIRD ARMY ARRIVES

The Corps are decimated, Hal Jordan is missing, and a new Green Lantern is chosen! Third Army is here, and the universe will never be the same! Join the will power of Peter Tomasi (Green Lantern Corps) and more as they unravel the mysteries of the Third Army and what the universe has in store for Green Lantern!

ARCHIE COMICS: THE HOTTEST PUBLISHER IN THE INDUSTRY

"The Era of Archie continues! After another year of dominating the headlines with groundbreaking storylines, innovative storytelling and the best comics on the market, the Archie Comics team converges on New York to reveal what's next! The panel includes Archie Comics co-CEO Jon Goldwater, President Mike Pellerito, Editor-in-chief Victor Gorelick, writer/artist Dan Parent (Kevin Keller), writer Michael Uslan (Archie: Will You Marry Me?), and a handful of major, newsworthy surprises! Archie Comics continues to keep fans on their toes, shaking things up in Riverdale from one storyline ("Reversedale") to the next ("Archie Meets GLEE"). Archie and friends have never been more relevant

SAGA: SEX, DRUGS & ROCKETSHIPS

Saga launched in March 2012 amid great anticipation, excitement, high hopes, and a little controversy and quickly became one of the top-selling independent comics of the year, second only to The Walking Dead. Creators Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples will talk about how they made an epic mash-up of science fiction, fantasy, and romance into the comic industry's

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biggest sensation -- and hint at what's in store for Alana, Marko, and baby Hazel!

CAPCOM PRESENTS: REMEMBER ME

Be the first to find out everything there is to know about Capcom's latest and greatest franchise, Remember Me -- an exciting, science-fiction, action-adventure game set in the near future of Neo-Paris where memories are remixed and erased. Hear about the development of the game from the creative team and see the latest gameplay footage for this 2013 game release. Followed by a Q&A session.

YEN PRESS

The Yen Press crew -- publishing director Kurt Hassler, senior editor JuYoun Lee, and assistant editors Tania Biswas and Abby Blackman -- unveil exciting new and upcoming projects and take questions from the audience. And of course, the swag. We mustn't forget the swag!

SHONEN JUMP ALPHA PANEL

"The next generation of manga heroes has gone digital with SJ Alpha, North America's only near-simultaneous digital manga magazine, bringing fans the best manga like Naruto, One Piece and Bleach and showcasing up-and-coming series straight from Japan! TEAMJUMP (the editors of SJ Alpha) will have awesome announcements at the panel, show off the special print collectors SJ Alpha Yearbook 2013 (debuting at NYCC) and MORE! Plus, meet our special guest--legendary creator Masakazu Katsura (I)"s

MASS EFFECT THE MOVIE: PARAGON LOST

Mass Effect: Paragon Lost is the animated prequel to Mass Effect 3 and follows the early career of Alliance Marine James Vega (voiced by Freddie Prinze Jr.). In Paragon Lost, Vega leads an elite Special Forces squad into battle against a mysterious alien threat known as The Collectors. Stationed at a colony in a remote star system, Vega and his soldiers must protect the

civilians from a ruthless invasion determined to capture the population for unknown purposes. See the full movie in this special advance screening!

NYCC CHARITY AUCTION

Please join us for the Second Annual NYCC Charity Art Auction to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering research and treatment of children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Included in that vision is that no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. Your participation in this event will help support lifesaving research and treatment for the children of St. Jude. Come down and bid with other art enthusiasts for the chance to own a piece of original art from some of your favorite creators, all for a good cause! Over 60 creators attending NYCC 2012 will be generously donating original art for the auction including, Mike Mignola, Tony Daniel, Aaron Lopresti, Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez, Tony Moore, Alex Maleev, Fiona Staples, Stanley "Artgerm" Lau, Terry Dodson, Francis Manapul, Ethan Van Sciver, Art Baltazar, Franco, Billy Tan, Carlo Pagulayan, David Mack, Eduardo Risso, Greg Horn, Jay Anacleto, Whilce Portacio and many more! Have Fun. Get Art. Save Lives.

LOLITA BEYOND THE FRILLS

Lolita is growing in Western culture still and many people into the fashion are seeking out one another. It's become well more than just a fashion from Japan -- it has developed its own culture and community with their own events. But what exactly makes a "lolita"? Former Sugar Bomb blogger Chris Liryo and company discuss the myths, facts and experiences of joining the frilly community.

ZOMBIES! MONSTERS! YOUR DAD!? OH MY.

Long gone are the days of the average vampire story. These writers spare no expense to make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up with thrilling stories that will surprise you around every turn. Authors Daniel

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Kraus, Barry Lyga, Rachel Caine, Stefan Petrucha, Brom, Scott Spencer, John Hornor Jacobs, Will Hill, and Jonathan Maberry as they discuss their love of all things horror and why they write the things they do.

ITSJUSTSOMERANDOMGUY

The YouTube sensation (and creator of the “Hi, I’m a Marvel...and I’m a DC” Mac/PC parody videos) is back at New York Comic Con! In previous years, RandomGuy has premiered new episodes of the parody series “Marvel/DC: Happy Hour” and “Marvel/DC: Zero Hour.” What new videos will he premiere this time? Come find out! Plus Q&A and more!

IGN'S FREE SH*T AND PODCAST BEYOND

Do you like getting games, movies and more just for being in a room breathing oxygen? What about listening to two of the definitive PlayStation voices in the video game industry talk shop? Well, IGN.com's NYCC panel has you covered. Free Sh*t's Chris Carle will be on hand to dole out... well...free geek stuff in the game show you win by not doing anything. Then, IGN Loudmouth Greg Miller and “He Only Does Everything” Colin Moriarty take the stage to record a live episode of Podcast Beyond -- the No. 1 PlayStation podcast (the one time they checked iTunes to make sure they could say that). Drop what you're doing, and come hang out, punkheads!

THE THREE SECRETS OF COMICS

Why are comics awesome? Well – they have great stories, wonderful art, and are fun to read! But there are three secret ways comics act on our brains that we may not even realize. Author Ben Hatke (Zita the Spacegirl) takes you behind the scenes to the nuts and bolts of how comics work, discussing gesture, the way our minds link images into a narrative, and drawing from life.

COMICPRENEURS: SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL POP CULTURE STARTUPS

Get a rare look behind the scenes as leading pop culture entrepreneurs share their secrets of building successful pop culture businesses! Join author and futurist Rob Salkowitz (Comic-Con and the Business of Pop Culture), CEO and co-founder David Steinberger of comiXology, Mike Richardson of Dark Horse Comics, Ted Adams of IDW Publishing and comic retailer Steve Olsen of Little Shop of Comics for a unique view of the business side of pop culture.

WAND DUELING INSTRUCTION FOR KIDS!

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 instructors demonstrate 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.

Archaia Presents: How to Tell a Better Story Through World-Building Several master Archaia storytellers, including David Petersen (Mouse Guard), Jeremy Bastian (Cursed Pirate Girl), and Sean Rubin (Redwall, the upcoming Bolivar), will offer their advice to aspiring comics creators on how to build a better story through world-building. From character development, to settings and environment, to deciding on the right era, this panel will impart valuable insight into what goes into crafting a better story. Panelists will showcase rarely seen sketch art, concept designs, and models to enhance their presentation.

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DISCOVER CBEEBIES LINE

Discover CBeebies, the BBC Worldwide Americas destination for preschoolers. CBeebies programs focus on learning and cognitive development by capturing the attention of young children through color and song, and we're pleased to screen 2 CBeebies programs: WAYBULOO and ZINGZILLAS. Waybuloo is a hit CBeebies television program that takes a highly innovative approach to pre-school programming by focusing on children's emotions. Waybuloo is a philosophy for a happy life and transports children to Nara, a live-action world inhabited by adorable animated characters called Piplings who embody a range of emotions such as Love, Wisdom, Happiness and Harmony. Join the loveable Piplings, Nok Tok, De Li, Lau Lau and Yojojo, for new and surprising adventures as they explore the beautiful land of Nara. ZingZillas, another hit CBeebies program, is sure to get toddlers and tots grooving by introducing new sounds, instruments and musical ideas! At home on their tropical island paradise, ZingZillas is a band of primate friends that love to play music. Gorilla and lead singer, Zak, provides vocals while lead guitarist, Tang the orangutan, creates the toe-tapping, finger-clicking compositions. The band is styled by chimpanzee bass guitarist and keyboard player, Panzee, and monkey percussionist Drum always lays down a great beat. Under the guidance of their mentor, music guru DJ Loose, they create their unique ZingZilla sound in time for their daily performance, The Big Zing. The tropical island is visited by a different musical guest and ranging from a full concert orchestra to a lone saxophonist or a bottleneck guitarist, ZingZillas embraces and celebrates musical genres from around the world. Waybuloo, Zingzillas and more from CBeebies - Now Available on iTunes.

MARVEL: ULTIMATE COMICS

United We Stand! Find out what's happening in the Ultimate Comics Universe when Senior Editor Mark Paniccia, Brian Wood (Ultimate Comics X-Men), Sam Humphries (Ultimate Comics Ultimates), Carlo Barberi (Ultimate Comics X-Men) and James Viscardi (Sales & Communications Coordinator) unveil the future of the Ultimates, the Ultimate X-Men, and Miles Morales himself!

SLEEPING DOGS – BEHIND THE SCENES, PLUS WORLD'S FIRST LOOK AT NEW CONTENT

United Front Games and Square Enix London Studios personally invite you to join them for an exclusive look at the past, present and future of Sleeping Dogs, the community-championed hit videogame of the summer. The game's creators will also give a world exclusive showing of Sleeping Dogs' first major game-extending story add-on pack. The team will share their thoughts on the game's reception by both professional critics and the videogames community. Come for the Q&A, stay for the stage demo, this promises to be an unmissable insight into the game's development process.

CENTRAL PARK ZOO'S WILDLIFE THEATER

Central Park Zoo's Wildlife Theater performs an expert from their interactive program Cool Rainforest Connections. The audience will meet the zoo's superhero Captain Cocoa and our monkey puppet Tammy the Tamarin. Children in the audience will be invited to become Captain Cocoa's sidekicks on the mission to save the Rainforest! This program uses games, humor and superheroes to entertain and teach about the Rainforest and how we can all make a difference. After the program visit our table for more fun activities and arts and crafts about the Rainforest.

NIS AMERICA, INC. ANIME PANEL

Join us for an anime panel where key staff will discuss our anime business along with all our new titles! And stick around for giveaways, a Q&A and a new title announcement!

KIDS/YA PUBLISHER SPOTLIGHT

Come hear the advance buzz about what's coming up from Disney-Hyperion, First Second, Macmillan Kids, HarperCollins, Little, Brown, Random House, Penguin Young Readers, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster, and Tor! Editors and marketing staff come together to recommend their favorite upcoming books by exciting new authors and illustrators -- accompanied with giveaways, trivia, and most of all, FUN!

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KIRKMANIA!

Robert Kirkman, creator of the global sensations THE WALKING DEAD, INVINCIBLE and THIEF OF THIEVES, opens the floor to all his fans in this lively and engaging Q&A session.

FUNIMATION

Like Hetalia? Fullmetal Alchemist? Deadman Wonderland? Hellsing Ultimate? Dragon Ball Z? Then, methinks, you like FUNimation. Hear from one of America's anime leaders about what's next for them on Blu-ray and DVD, streaming, and television screens across the country.

MAJIKOI - OH! SAMURAI GIRLS (ANIME NETWORK)

In Kawakami City, having a samurai ancestor and enormous fighting spirit is a huge part of how you rank on the social totem pole. Fortunately, that's something the local kids like Yamato Naoe have learned to deal with by forming into small bands (that's the samurai type, NOT music). Strength in numbers, after all. However, while the delicate balance of Yamato's group seemed fine when there were three girls and four boys, the sudden addition of two more girls starts to send everything spinning out of control.

JOSH GATES Q&A

Sit down with world adventurer Josh Gates from Syfy's hit show Destination Truth and Ghost Hunters Live. From a quest for the Yeti in the high Himalayas, to a night alone in King Tut's tomb, to the abandoned research stations of Antarctica - Josh has traveled to nearly 100 countries investigating the world's strangest mysteries. He'll discuss some of his most harrowing exploits so if you're thirsty for adventure join Josh Gates for a globe-spanning and hilarious Q & A.

Over 30 Years with Brian & Wendy Froud: Faeries, Goblins and Trolls
Brian and Wendy Froud met on development for Jim Henson's The Dark Crystal. Since then, they've become the pre-eminent faerie artists in the world and the go-to authorities on faeries. Brian & Wendy will discuss their careers, family life and share stories of seeing Faeries, Goblins, Trolls and

much more with longtime friend, author and national public radio host Ellen Kushner.

THE 501ST LEGION'S "SHOOT-A-TROOPER"

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LOST PLANET 3

LOST PLANET 3 releases early next year with a gripping new storyline that provides fans with untold truths from previous Lost Planet games. Set in the frozen tundra of E.D.N. III, the game takes the franchise back to its roots, making gamers rethink everything they thought they knew about it. Come find out the latest information about this much-anticipated game from the Lost Planet 3 development team and "Go Beyond Survival!" Followed by a Q&A session.

ACTION-PACKED COMICS TO GROW ON

Want to raise a comic book aficionado? Start here! With characters ranging from a neurotic rabbit to a crime-fighting lunch lady and formats from graphic novels to pop-ups, these authors are masters at penning favorites for the youngest age group. Look forward to a discussion about presenting the comic book genre to the littlest readers in an accessible and often downright hilarious way guaranteed to have them reading and creating works of their own. Featuring Patrick McDonnell, Scott Campbell, Peter Brown, Matthew Reinhart, Ben Hatke, Zack Giallongo and Orpheus Collar. Moderated by Jarrett J. Krosoczka.

MINIMATES TURN 10: SMALL TOYS, BIG PLANS

Some of the team behind the popular Minimates line are here to unveil new products and answer your questions about the 2-inch, fully articulated mini-figures!

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MARVEL NOW!: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN & BEYOND

Marvel NOW! is on the horizon and Spidey & Co. are in the spotlight. Find out what to expect from the Spider-Man Office when Senior Editor Steve Wacker, Dan Slott (Amazing Spider-Man), Mark Waid (Daredevil), Joe Keatinge (Morbius), Kevin Shinick (Avenging Spider-Man), Ryan Stegman (Scarlet Spider), Declan Shalvey (Venom) and Arune Singh (Director of Communications) come to town! And Spider-Man won't be the only topic of discussion here! Get the details on Daredevil, Punisher, and more! Creating Comics with Two X-Chromosomes: Real Talk with Image's Female Creators

The subject of women in comics is often dominated by controversy, but what about conversation? Join some of comics' top female writers and artists for some candid talk about working the comics industry. Does being a woman make a difference? What perspectives do female creators bring to a male-dominated industry? All that and more -- with women who use their talent to get ahead!

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE: FROM 5TH AVENUE TO BROADWAY

Celebrating Little Orphan ANNIE's return to the Great White Way in October, WNET/Thirteen and Arielle Tepper Productions have teamed up to launch an interactive educational website to teach children about NYC in the 1930s and offer a behind the curtain look into the creation of a Broadway musical based on a classic comic strip.

THE ART OF MAKING COMICS WITH MICHAEL GOLDEN

Long considered one of the best storytellers in the industry, with such milestone projects as "G.I. Joe Yearbook," "The 'Nam," "Doctor Strange," "Avengers," "Bucky O'Hare" and much here, here is a unique opportunity to sit down with artist Michael Golden and discuss the ins and outs of putting together comic books with rules that apply to any type of storytelling. Having influenced some of the top names in the industry, as well as serving as an editor at DC Comics and Senior Art Director at Marvel

Comics, don't miss this chance to hear it, and embrace it, from the man himself.

TOM FELTON Q&A

Join everyone's favorite bad boy of the Wizarding World, Draco Malfoy, for a Q&A session especially for NYCC Fans! DC Entertainment: Meet the Co-Publishers 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, Before Watchmen, and much more. This up-close-and-personal panel gives you a chance to step up and ask questions about your favorite comic book Publisher publishers!

666 PARK AVENUE SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION AND Q&A

Get to know the residents of New York's most mysterious address — The Drake — during this special video presentation of 666 Park Avenue, followed by a Q&A with executive producers Matthew Miller (Chuck, Human Target) and David Wilcox (Fringe), as well as series stars Terry O'Quinn (Lost), Vanessa Williams (Desperate Housewives), Rachael Taylor (Charlie's Angels), Dave Annable (Brothers & Sisters), Robert Buckley (One Tree Hill), Mercedes Masöhn (The Finder), Helena Mattson (Iron Man 2), Samantha Logan (Law & Order: SVU) and Erik Palladino (ER). Seductive and inviting, The Drake maintains a dark hold over all of its residents, tempting them with their deepest desires and ambitions, in this drama that's home to an epic struggle of good versus evil. The new series is executive produced by Matthew Miller (Chuck), David Wilcox (Fringe), Gina Girolamo (The Lying Game) and Leslie Morgenstein (The Vampire Diaries). From Bonanza Productions Inc. in association with Alloy Entertainment and Warner Bros. Television, 666 Park Avenue airs Sundays at 10/9c on ABC. Become a fan of the show on Facebook at www.facebook.com/666ParkAve and follow the show on Twitter @666ParkAve_ABC.

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NO. 6 (ANIME NETWORK)

No. 6 is an idyllic city if, like Shion, you happen to be a member of the privileged elite. But Shion's perfect life comes crashing down when he helps a stranger. Now, on the run, the two young men must uncover the secrets that lie at the sinister heart of City Number 6 or be buried along with them!

ARROW SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION AND Q&A

Oliver Queen lives! The iconic DC Comics character is the subject of a hard-hitting new drama series on The CW this fall. Arrow makes its New York Comic Con debut with an exclusive Arrow video presentation, followed by a Q&A with series stars Stephen Amell (Private Practice), Katie Cassidy (Supernatural) and Willa Holland (Gossip Girl) and producers to be announced. After being marooned for five years on a remote island, former billionaire playboy Oliver Queen (Amell) returns to his home of Starling City with a mysterious agenda and a lethal set of new skills that he uses in a war on crime. Arrow is executive produced by Greg Berlanti (Green Lantern), Marc Guggenheim (Green Lantern) and Andrew Kreisberg (Fringe). David Nutter (Smallville) directed and served as executive producer of the pilot. From Bonanza Productions Inc. in association with Berlanti Productions and Warner Bros. Television, Arrow airs Wednesdays at 8/7c on The CW. Become a fan of Arrow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CWArrow and follow The CW on Twitter @CW_network.

READING WITH PICTURES - LIVE READING

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, and the latest news about how you can help get comics into schools and libraries near you! Hosted by Reading with Pictures Marketing Director Trevor Mueller. Come join us for this engaging panel that's fun for all ages!

FUNIMATION CHANNEL - THE CHANNEL PANEL

For the first time, get to listen and interact with FUNimation Channel's

Director of Programming, Amanda Nanawa. FUNimation Channel is the only anime channel in the United States airing anime programming 24/7 on TV. NAMCO BANDAI Games and CyberConnect2 on Creating Japanese Games for the Western World

Hideo Baba, producer of NAMCO BANDAI Games' Tales of series, and Hiroshi Matsuyama, President and CEO of CyberConnect2, creators of the hit NARUTO SHIPPUDEN: Ultimate Ninja STORM series discuss the challenges and triumphs of creating traditional Japanese video games with a dedicated and passionate overseas fan base.

MAN OF ACTION CHARTS THE COURSE FROM COMIC BOOKS TO INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION SUCCESS!

In 2000, comic book kingpins Joe Casey, Joe Kelly, Duncan Rouleau and Steven T. Seagle launched the creative think tank known as MAN OF ACTION. Join them in a panel that shows how MAN OF ACTION creates everything from their cutting edge comics to their global franchise BEN 10.

CAPCOM PRESENTS DMC: THE ALL-NEW DEVIL MAY CRY

The Devil May Cry franchise is back with a complete reboot of the series. Detailing Dante's early years and set against a contemporary backdrop, DmC Devil May Cry retains the stylish action, fluid combat and self-assured protagonist that have defined the iconic series. Come and witness Dante chain together combo after combo with panache as he dispatches the demonic spawn back to hell. See what the game has in store for you January 15, 2013. It's time to "Face Your Demons" Followed by a Q&A session.

THE FOLLOWING PILOT SCREENING AND Q&A

Don't miss a special screening of the pilot episode of The Following, the terrifying new thriller from creator/executive producer Kevin Williamson (Scream). Then join executive producer Marcos Siega (The Vampire Diaries) and series stars Kevin Bacon (X-Men: First Class), James Purefoy (Rome), Annie Parisse (Person of Interest), Natalie Zea (Justified) and Shawn

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Ashmore (the X-Men films) for an on-stage Q&A after the screening. This fast-paced drama follows psychologically scarred ex-FBI agent Ryan Hardy (Bacon) as he's drawn back into an ever-growing web of murder masterminded by serial killer Joe Carroll (Purefoy), who brought an end to Hardy's career years before. From Bonanza Productions Inc. in association with Outerbanks Entertainment and Warner Bros. Television, The Following premieres on Mondays at midseason on FOX. Become a fan of The Following on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheFollowing, and follow both the show and FOX on Twitter @TheFollowingFOX and @FOXBroadcasting.

SESAME STREET

Somebody come and play! Come sing along with Elmo and his good friend Gordon from Sesame Street. Featuring some of your favorite songs from the Emmy Award-winning series on PBS created by Sesame Workshop, Elmo and Gordon invite you to join in some musical fun to spark your imagination. Don't miss this dynamic duo from Sesame Street in their first performance at New York Comic Con's Kids Day! Music can be a playful and engaging way to help children learn about and explore their world as they strengthen their language and literacy skills, develop academic skills, enhance their social and emotional development, and foster artistic confidence and creativity. Check out the Sesame Street stage show at 12 p.m., and then online at www.sesamestreet.org to watch videos, play games, and explore more with music. Also, follow Sesame Street on Twitter! <http://twitter.com/SesameStreet> and become our Fan on Facebook! <http://facebook.com/SesameStreet>.

GEEK GEEK REVOLUTION: THE SEQUEL

Because one fight to the death wasn't enough, GGR: The Sequel brings you a whole new set of authors fighting for the right to be TOP GEEK in this no-holds-bared geek culture game show. In addition the audience members will be asked to 'write-in' questions in hopes of stumping the authors and winning a prize pack of books. Featuring: Anton Strout, Andrea Cremer,

Beth Revis, and Myke Cole. Led by Queen Geek Colleen Lindsay Otherworldly Weenies, Time-Traveling Tweens, Unexpected Adventure and Other Things Kids Love

From creepy tales set in a spooky pet cemetery, to dreamy stories of time-traveling in style, to epic journeys featuring dynamic young heroes (with swords!), these middle grade authors know the secrets to entertaining the tween set. Join the group as they discuss superpowers, supervillians and super-hilarious storytelling. Featuring David Lubar, Annette & Gina Cascone, Lee Bacon, Bianca Turetsky, Gitty Daneshvari, John Klopfer, Elizabeth Cody Kimmel and Tommy Greenwald. Moderated by Matthew Cody.

DC COMICS: BATMAN – DEATH COMES TO GOTHAM

Gotham City's Night of the Owls may be over – but the fallout will affect Batman's hometown for years to come! And with the Joker's return, things will never be the same! Find out what's on the horizon for the Dark Knight and his crimefighting cohorts in this panel featuring Batman Group Editor Mike Marts, with David Finch (Batman: The Dark Knight), Kyle Higgins (Nightwing), Gregg Hurwitz (Batman: The Dark Knight), Scott Lobdell (Red Hood and the Outlaws), Grant Morrison (Batman, Incorporated), Scott Snyder (Batman), Peter Tomasi (Batman & Robin), James Tynion IV (Talon) and more!

THE FIGHT TO DEFEND MANGA

Meet the man who stood up to Canada Customs to prove manga is not a crime! Manga is changing the world, with a growing culture of fandom across the globe. While growing in popularity, the medium is also one of the most misunderstood, leading to criminal prosecutions in the United States, Canada and elsewhere. The CBLDF's Charles Brownstein presents a short history of Manga Censorship in the USA and is joined by Ryan Matheson, who stood up to Canada Customs when they prosecuted him for manga on his computer. Learn first hand what Ryan went through and how you can protect your rights!

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MARVEL: WOMEN OF MARVEL

From Ms. Marvel to the X-Men, from Twitter to tumblr, women in comics has been one of the most talked-about topics in comics for the last year. With topics suggested by the fan community in the weeks leading up the con, we'll tackle it all - including the on-going debate: do we even still need a women in comics panel? Join the conversation as women from every discipline in the creative process at Marvel discuss what it's like working as a woman in comics today and what it means for the future of the industry. Guests include New York Times best-selling author Marjorie Liu (Astonishing X-Men), Eisner Award-winning artist Janet K. Lee (Emma), colorista Jordie Bellaire (Fantastic Four), editors Jeanine Schaefer, Lauren Sankovitch, Sana Amanat and some special guests!

VIZ MEDIA NEWS

Get the latest updates & exciting news from VIZ Media staff on all of your favorite manga and anime! We'll cover print and digital manga, DVD releases, Neon Alley and so much more! You'll also get the scoop on new acquisitions, upcoming releases and projects we've yet to announce.

MARTIAN SUCCESSOR NADESICO (RIGHTSTUF)

The Earth, its moon and its Martian colonies are under alien attack, but the war against the "Jovian lizards" has, so far, been nothing short of a series of disasters. Disgusted by the incompetence of Earth's military, the independent arms manufacturer Nergal builds its own space battleship. But due to a shortage of trained soldiers, they've assembled the most unorthodox crew to ever launch into orbit. With a pacifist cook-turned-unwilling mecha pilot and a ditsy admiral's daughter in command, can this unprecedented gathering of geeks, misfits and anime fans prevail against the Jovian menace?

SUPERMAN FAMILY ADVENTURES/G-MAN DRAWING COMPETITION AND HULLABALOO WITH FRANCO & CHRIS GIARUSSO

Comic creators Franco and Chris Giarusso take the stage for an old fashioned showdown! Learn from the pros as they sketch your favorite comic characters in a contest against the audience and each other! Who will win this challenge of the super friends? Come on down to find out!

PROMISED: ENDING THE BIRTHMARKED TRILOGY

Join Caragh O'Brien, author of the bestselling Birthmarked trilogy, as she discusses PROMISED, the third and final book in story of Gaia, a sixteen year old midwife who chooses to challenge the brutal rules that require her to deliver a quota of three infants a month to the powers that be.

DRAWING DC: KIDS EDITION

What does it take to remake a universe? Immensely talented artists! Join the Eisner Award winning Franco (Superman Family Adventures), the sensational Christopher Jones (Young Justice) and the ever dynamic Dustin Nguyen (Batman Beyond) as they showcase their artistic talents!

ARCHIE ACTION HOUR: SONIC, MEGA MAN AND RED CIRCLE COMICS

Plug in, suit up and prepare for adventure! First, two video game icons collide in the I-can't-believe-it's-actually-happening Sonic/Mega Man comic book crossover event. You'd be crazier than Doctors Eggman and Wily combined to miss this follow up discussion where we dive right into it. The editorial mastermind behind both books, Paul Kaminski, is joined by Archie Comics President Mike Pellerito and writer Ian Flynn with more info about the biggest comic book event of the year as well as what's on tap for Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, and Mega Man. See exclusive artwork, learn about upcoming story lines and get your questions answered by the team behind the two most popular video game comic series. Then, get all the details on the future of superhero comics—The

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New Crusaders! The digital-first series has made its way to print, and the Red Circle team are pumped to give you the rundown on where the series is headed, along with info about the upcoming Lost Crusade mini-series, in this action-packed panel. Those in attendance will receive a FREE SONIC/MEGA MAN/RED CIRCLE GIFT BAG, so don't even think about missing it!

CRYPTON FUTURE MEDIA PRESENTS: HATSUNE MIKU

At NYCC 2010 Crypton Future Media promised to release Hatsune Miku English software if Miku's facebook page reached over 39,390 fans. Now, two years later, it reaches over 600 thousand fans. It is time for Miku to break onto the international scene! Join Kanae Muraki, director of global development for Crypton Future Media and Tara Knight, the director of "Mikumentary," an upcoming series of short documentaries focusing on the phenomenon, for a behind the scenes discussion of the virtual idol. There will be special announcements and a Q&A session.

RESOLUTION - TRIBECA FILM

"Two friends. One a junkie forced to go cold turkey in an isolated cabin. Mysterious forces. Personal demons. Dark humor. Genre-bending horror filmmaking that'll make your head explode. RESOLUTION. "A smart and subversive take on some of the most recognizable themes and ideas found in horror cinema

KIDDITCH - QUIDDITCH TRAINING FOR KIDS

Join the International Quidditch Association and play "Kidditch" (Kids Quidditch)! We'll be introducing this sport to kids of all ages by explaining the rules and teaching them how to play. Kids will be able to run around with brooms, toss around the Quaffle, throw bludgers or chase the snitch in a designated "training" area. They can also participate in mini games to give Quidditch a try. Most importantly, we want everyone to have fun! Brooms up!

GEEKMOMS: RAISING YOUNG PADAWANS

Raising kids is a tough job, but raising geek kids can be even more of a

challenge. How do you know when they're ready to see Anakin become Vader? Should you name your son Peter if your last name is Parker? And what if those summer robot camps teach them to build Skynet?! Join the writers from Wired's GeekMom Blog as they share the ups, downs and sideways of raising good little Padawans.

NANCY DREW, COMICS DETECTIVE!

For over 80 years, the world-famous teen super sleuth has foiled the bad guys in books, movies, video games and TV shows. But what about comics? Get the scoop straight from the experts at this mysterious panel moderated by Jenn Fisher of Nancy Drew Sleuths, and learn about this Fall's premiere of the PRE-teen super sleuth's new graphic novel from Papercutz!

VOLTRON: FORM BLAZING FUN!

The Defender of the Universe returns to New York Comic Con with "Head Geek" Jeremy Corray hosting an always active panel featuring creators, fans and producers of the influential animated series that helped introduce the world to anime! Writer Brian "Smitty" Smith (The Stuff of Legend) joins artist Jacob Chabot (X-Babies, Mighty Skullboy Army) on stage to talk about the creation of their excellent Voltron Force comics from VIZ Media based on the hit Nicktoons animated TV show. Plus a preview of new issues of the Voltron comic lines based on the classic series from writer Brandon Thomas and artists N. Steven Harris, and Russ Manning nominated artist Craig Cermak! Mattel's Scott Neitlich (MattyCollector.com) arrives to raffle off a giant Voltron Classics Black Lion that YOU could win! Plus updates on the live action movie produced by Atlas Entertainment (The Dark Knight Rises), Relativity (Cowboys and Aliens, Immortals) and Kickstart Productions (Wanted) it's time to "Form the Head" with Voltron at NYCC!

IAN MCDIARMID SPOTLIGHT

Give in to the Dark Side of The Force! At least for an hour. Ian McDiarmid will be discussing his prolific career and his role as the most ambitious

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villain ever to grace a galaxy far, far away.

DEADMAN WONDERLAND (FUNIMATION)

Death is the main attraction in Deadman Wonderland, from the studio that brought you Samurai Champloo and Ergo Proxy. Ganta is the only survivor after a mysterious man in red slaughters a classroom full of teenagers. He is framed for the carnage, sentenced to die, and locked away in the most twisted prison ever built: Deadman Wonderland. And then it gets worse. At Deadman Wonderland, convicts are forced into brutal deathmatches for the amusement of the masses. Ganta's determined to see justice served -- but first he'll have to fight for his life in a prison that holds a million ways to die.

DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT

Join Dynamite Entertainment as they unveil their BIGGEST projects from the BEST creators. Featuring an amazing cast of top talent and announcements from Rick (Marvel Now! Uncanny Avengers/Uncanny X-Force) Remender, Fred (Hulk/Archer and Armstrong) Van Lente, Brian (The Flash) Buccellato and more - all of whom will have NEW projects at Dynamite in 2013. Plus special announcement regarding Garth Ennis, Matt Wagner and more new Dynamite project! Each fan attending the panel will also receive a limited edition comic!

ANIMATE IT! HOSTED BY MISAKO ROCKS AND VERONICA TAYLOR

Learn how to draw characters and create voices for them in this fun packed half hour workshop!

FROM LEIA TO BUFFY: CREATING STRONG FEMALE CHARACTERS IN SCI-FI & FANTASY

MOTHERSHIP co-authors Martin Leicht and Isla Neal discuss the inspiration and genesis of their novel's feisty heroine, wise-cracking and ass-kicking 16-year-old mother-to-be, Elvie Nara. Join them for a heated debate about the best fictional female protagonists in history, trivia and

more.

U CRE-8 COMICS PRESENTS: CHARACTER CRAFTERS

Are you the next GREAT comic creator?! Take the Raconteur's challenge and design your own character from start to finish! Establish powers, design costume ideas, create an origin story and more with U Cre-8 Comics -- the PERFECT jumpstart to YOUR comic universe!

THE KUBERT SCHOOL: BASIC DRAWING 101

An awesome event for aspiring artists and fans! Join Kubert School alum and current instructor Fernando Ruiz (Archie Comics) as he teaches you the basics of what it takes to be a great comic book artist!

Exclusive 6 Minute Scene and Panel from THE COLLECTION

LD Entertainment presents THE COLLECTION panel presentation and exclusive clip. Join us for a never-before-seen 6 minute clip from the film and a panel discussion with writer-director Marcus Dunstan (THE COLLECTOR, SAW IV, V, VI, VII, GOD OF WAR), writer Patrick Melton (THE COLLECTOR, SAW IV, V, VI, VII, GOD OF WAR), Josh Stewart (THE COLLECTOR, THE DARK KNIGHT RISES), and Emma Fitzpatrick (THE SOCIAL NETWORK)!

SEAN ASTIN Q&A

Whether you know him as Mikey, Rudy or Samwise Gamgee, join actor Sean Astin for an hour as he discusses his career and answers your questions!

KIDS READ!

Listen to graphic novelists read LIVE from their latest works! And be sure to get your best character voices ready, you may get a chance to read alongside some of your favorite creators.

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GETTING GRAPHIC WITH GIRLS: EMPOWERING GIRLS AND ADDRESSING ISSUES THROUGH paneled PICTURES

Join some of graphic novel's best and brightest female writers/illustrators for a frank and lively discussion about creating comics for a young female reading audience and addressing the real life issues that matter to them.

THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF E-BOOK PUBLISHING

Self-publishing, marketing/publicity services, print on demand, not to mention traditional publishing... what's an author to do when faced with the multitude of alternatives that spring from the new publishing technologies? Editors, authors and others toiling in the digital publishing vineyards join to provide a look at the pros and cons of each choice.

NYCC TEAM Q&A

We hope you had the best time at NYCC and that your experience was epic. The NYCC Team will be sitting down with Fans to hear what you thought of the show, what you'd like to see more of and let you help build NYCC 2013!

DISNEY XD - NEW ANIMATED SERIES SCREENING

Join us as we screen two of our new animated series! Randy Cunningham: 9th Grade Ninja - Randy discovers he's been chosen to protect Norrisville High School from a diabolical evil sorcerer! Followed by Slugterra - a new sci-fi adventure premiering next week on Disney XD. See the 1st episode before it airs!

GUARDIANS OF THE CITY

Our project is realized through Guardians of the City workshops that aim to establish a creative platform for social research on what kids consider heroic qualities and places needing protection. The children will see that they can create art about issues that they care about, while integrating their imagination with the physical environment.

NYCC KICK-OFF CONCERT WITH BEN FOLDS FIVE, BROUGHT TO YOU BY WD

Ben Folds Five start it off right with a concert on Thursday, October 11 at 8:00 PM in the IGN Theater. 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 and Special Access VIP ticket holders will be guaranteed to get into the show 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.

HOW TO PLAY QUIDDITCH 101

Have you ever wished YOU could play Quidditch? Now you can! The International Quidditch Association will be at NYCC once again to teach you how to play this great sport in the Muggle world. Join us on Friday and Saturday from 3-8pm for some excitement and fun! The IQA will be leading demo matches with a few official Quidditch teams on both days. After each demo match, we'll be opening up the pitch for pick-up games. Fans can join in and play with each other for a few hours at a time. Throw a quaffle through hoops, bludge your opponents or snatch the snitch! Whether you'd like to watch or play, this is something you don't want to miss. Come see Quidditch in action and why it's the hottest phenomenon everyone's talking about!

COSTUME CONTEST

Coming in costume to New York Comic Con? Why not strut your stuff for a chance to win an award? This is your opportunity to get up on stage, show off your skills and maybe even take home a prize or two. No pre-registration is necessary. Instead, simply come by the Variant Stage a half hour before the event to register. We'll be signing up fans first come, first served, with the first 30 Fans taking the stage for each showcase.

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METAPULP INC. PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

Metapulp Inc. will be reviewing portfolios on Friday between 1-2 p.m. and on Saturday between 1-2 p.m. and Sunday between 1-2 p.m. If you have any questions about these events please visit the Metapulp Inc. Booth.

215 INK PORTFOLIO REVIEWS

215 Ink will be holding portfolio reviews all weekend. If you have any questions about these events, please visit the 215 Ink Booth.

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TRAPPED IN THE CLOSET SING-ALONG

Trapped gets the Rocky Horror treatment courtesy of The Action Pack with lyrics on screen, props, and a dance party with all of R. Kelly's best music videos. Get Trapped all over again and ready for new chapters only on IFC

this November! <http://www.ifc.com/shows/trapped-in-the-closet>

ELMO AND GORDON MEET & GREET TICKET GIVEAWAY

Sesame Street meet and greet tickets will be available in the Queue Hall on Sunday, October 14 at 10AM. Tickets are free, but extremely limited, and will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Each adult must be accompanied by at least one child under the age of 12 in order to receive a ticket. Only one ticket per person in line. Fans will not be allowed to line up prior to 9AM. Please note, this ticket is not for an autographing session, this is for a meet and greet session.

SPIDER-MAN'S IGN THEATER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Spider-Man's Birthday in the IGN Theater from 12:15pm – 2:00pm! Join the cast of Broadway's blockbuster show SPIDER-MAN TURN OFF THE DARK for an exciting interactive performance and a chance to learn how to move like Spider-Man! Then stick around for a special screening of an episode from the hit animated series ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN, airing Sundays on DisneyXD. Show up dressed as Spider-Man and bring your friends – This is a CAN'T-MISS event for any young Spider-Fan!

KIDS COSTUME CONTEST

Come join us for a kids-only costume showdown! Open to attendees 12 and under, NYCC will be hosting this special contest to give the next generation of cosplayers time to shine! No pre-registration is necessary. Instead, simply come by the Variant Stage a half hour before the event to register. The first 30 costumed kids will be accepted and all will receive a certificate of participation.