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EVENTS

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ADV FILMS

ADV Films Co-founder Matt Greenfield discusses bringing Anime to America

Saturday; 12:30PM-1:30 Palo Verde

ANIME MUSIC VIDEO CONTEST

One part music + one part anime/cartoons + ten parts creative spirit = one music video. We're going to show a bunch! Revel in the splendor of these audio and visual displays and vote for your favorite in the contest.

Sunday; 12:30PM-2:00 Theatre

ANIME GAME SHOW

Compete against other otaku in The Anything Goes Anime Game Show. Prizes will be awarded to the biggest otaku, but those who don't measure up will be booted from the game!

Sunday; 2:00PM- 3:00 Palo Verde I

ANIME SCAVENGER HUNT

Bring your friends and prepare to scavenge! Find the most items on our anime-themed lists and win awesome prizes!

Sunday; 1:00PM- 3:00 Navajo Lounge in the Gaming Center

ART AUCTION

Phoenix Cactus Comicon First Annual Charity Art Auction

Saturday; 8:00 PM-11:30 Palo Verde Suite

ART CONTESTS: SPONSORED BY THE ART INSTITUTE OF PHOENIX

The Art Institute of Phoenix presents a variety of art contests for all ages. The timed Doodle Contest will be held at 9:00PM on Friday; 12:00PM, 1:30PM, 4:30PM on Saturday; and 10:30AM, 12:00PM, and 2:00PM Sunday.

Friday; 6:30PM -11:30PM Boardroom

Saturday; 10:30AM-

11:00 PM Boardroom

Sunday; 10:30AM-3:00PM Boardroom

ART INSTITUTE OF PHOENIX

Creative people require creative careers. The Art Institute of Phoenix leads the way to these opportunities.

Friday; 6:30PM

Saturday; 3:30PM

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

Vic Mignogna and Crispin Freeman will be at booth 87 in main exhibit hall.

Crispin Freeman:

Saturday; 4:00PM-6:00

Sunday; 2:00PM-4:00

Vic Mignogna:

Saturday; 2:00PM-4:00

Sunday; 2:00PM-4:00

BASIC COSPLAY SEWING SKILLS

Sew you think you can Cosplay? Queenie Legrow sews you how to do it sew much better M. Alice LeGrow

Saturday; 11:00 PM-12:00 Palo Verde III

BUSINESS FOR COMICS CREATORS

Phoenix attorney Andrew Turk and writer/publisher Shannon Denton discuss and answer questions about comic-related laws and business practices.

Friday; 6:30 PM -7:30 Palo Verde III

COMIC ART SUPERSTARS

Comic Art Superstars with Howard Chaykin, Phil Hester, Angel Medina, Todd Nauck, George Perez, Arthur Suydam.

Sunday; 11:00AM-12:00 Palo Verde II

COMIC BOOK TRIVIA CONTEST

Heroes in Jeopardy! Test your knowledge of Comic Book Lore at the Phoenix Cactus Comicon trivia showdown.

Friday; 8:00 PM -9:00 Palo Verde II

Len Wein:

Saturday; 12:30PM-1:30 Palo Verde II

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COMICS THE ARIZONA WAY

Comics are thriving in Arizona. Hang out with local creators, authors and artists.

Dave Beaty, HiFi Comics, Jay Fotos, Tony Parker, Lin Workman

Saturday; 6:30 PM-7:30 Palo Verde II

CREATORS SHOWCASE Q+A

Mike Mignola, Len Wein, Christian Beranek and Mike Bullock talk about your favorite comics and characters.

Sunday; 11:00AM-12:00 Palo Verde I

DIRECTING ANIME

ADV co-founder Matt Greenfield describes how he directs anime voice talent.

Saturday; 6:30 PM-7:30 Palo Verde III

DRAWING FACES

Face to face with Manga sensation Amy Hadley

Sunday; 11:00AM-12:00 Palo Verde III

FEEDBACK!

Who Wants To Be A Superhero? Feedback does! The first winner of SCI FI Channel's smash hit reality TV show joins us at PCC.

Feedback

Saturday; 3:30PM-4:30 Palo Verde I

FILM FESTIVAL

Third Annual Phoenix Cactus Comicon Film Festival

Friday; 6:30 PM -11:00 Theatre

Saturday; 11:00AM-
11:00 PM Theatre

Sunday; 2:00PM- 4:00 Theatre

FINDING OUR VOICES

Learn about anime voice acting with Vic Mignogna, Tiffany Grant, Matt Greenfield and Crispin Freeman

Sunday; 11:00AM-12:30 Theatre

FOOT KLAN

The Foot Klan Dance Troop has been providing entertainment around the world for more than 15 years with professional dancers, DJs, up-and-coming rappers and singing artists, as well as a dynamic group of junior dancers ranging in age from seven to 15.

Friday; 8:00 PM -9:00 Palo Verde I

GOTHIC LOLITA TEA PARTY

Join your fellow Sweet Lolitas, EGLs, Kodonas, and others for a tea party held in a gorgeous outdoor gazebo. Phoenix Cactus Comicon guest M. Alice LeGrow will be in attendance—and who knows who else may show up!

M. Alice LeGrow

Saturday; 3:30 PM Gazebo

HELLO KITTY

Hello Kitty always says, "You can never have too many Friends!" Join Tiffany Grant as she shares her love for all things Kitty.

Sunday; 2:00PM- 3:00 Palo Verde III

HOW TO COLOR COMICS THE HI-FI WAY

Brain Miller and Hi-Fi Comics present this instructional panel on comic book coloring technologies and techniques.

Friday; 9:30PM-11:00 Palo Verde II

IT'S A BALL-JOINTED AFFAIR

Enjoy this introduction to ABJD. Everything you did (and probably a few things you didn't) want to know about Asian Ball-Jointed Dolls.

Danette

Friday; 8:00 PM -9:00 Palo Verde III

JFASHION

An introduction to the vibrant Japanese street culture will be followed by models showing off the styles worn in the streets of Tokyo's hottest fashion districts.

Sunday; 2:00PM-3:00 Palo Verde II

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KID STUFF

Take your kids to an interactive discussion with guests who specialize in younger audiences

Derek Benz, Mike Bullock, Shannon Denton, Jon Lewis, Todd Nauck

Saturday; 2:00PM-3:00 Palo Verde I

MAKE YOUR OWN ARMOR- COSTUME MOLDING AND FIBERGLASS

The Empire Needs YOU! Vader's Fist: the 501st Stormtrooper Legion (Dune Sea Garrison) drills new recruits on molding battle armor

501st Dune Sea Garrison members of Star Wars Imperial Costuming Organization

Saturday; 2:00PM-3:00 Palo Verde III

MANGA SHOWDOWN

Join the battle among battles to see who has the maddest drawing skillz. Will you be the winner of The Manga Showdown?

Friday; 9:30 PM -11:00 Palo Verde I

MASQUERADE

The Phoenix Cactus Comicon Grand Finale Costume Contest and Masquerade will feature celebrity judges!

Sunday; 4:00 PM Palo Verde Suite

MASQUERADE PREJUDGING

Sunday; 2:00PM- 4:00 Meet at Information Desk, in Lobby of Building B

NINJAS!

Ancient wisdom through modern training. Join us to explore this much misunderstood system of living. Phoenix Quest Center will demonstrate various facets of the art and separate fact from fiction.

Michael Stinson

Friday; 6:30 PM -7:30 Palo Verde I

PCC KARAOKE CLUB

Love to sing? Like to sing? Just want to sing? Then come join us at PCC's Karaoke Club! Every voice will be welcomed. We have a variety of

songs: JRock, anime, video game and cartoon themes. Let's raise the roof!

Friday; 6:30 PM -11:00 Cholla

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Sunday; 11:00AM-2:00 PM Cholla

PCC PRESENTS CRISPIN FREEMAN

Meet Crispin Freeman! You know his voice from *The Slayers*, *Hellsing*, *.hack//SIGN*, *Witch Hunter Robin*, *X*, *Initial D*, *Angel Sanctuary*, *Boogiepop Phantom*, *Last Exile*, *Wolf's Rain*, *Ghost in the Shell: S.A.C.* and more

Saturday; 2:00PM-3:00 Palo Verde II

PCC PRESENTS VIC MIGNOGNA

Meet and greet Renaissance man Vic Mignogna

Saturday; 12:30PM-1:30 Palo Verde III

PCC PRESENTS MIKE MIGNOLA

Mike Mignola discusses comics, TV and movies

Saturday; 5:00 PM-6:00 Palo Verde I

PERSPECTIVE AND PANEL ARRANGEMENT FOR COMICS

Think out of the box with Tokyopop superstar M. Alice LeGrow

Saturday; 5:00 PM-6:00 Palo Verde II

RISEMBOOL RANGER RALLY

Do you like trivia and prizes? Do you want information on Vic Mignogna's official fanclub, The Risembool Rangers? Fans will find out who we are and how to join.

Pammy Trahan

Friday; 9:30 PM -11:00 Palo Verde III

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2:00 -3:00PM	Kid Stuff	PCC Presents Crispin Freeman	Make Your Own Armor- Costume Molding and Fiberglass						Autograph Sessions Vic Mignogna (In Booth 87, until 4:00pm) Crispin Freeman (In Booth 87, 4:00-6:00pm)
3:30 -4:30PM	FEEDBACK!	Script Writing for ADR	Art Institute of Phoenix	3rd Annual Phoenix Cactus Comicon Film Festival					Gothic Lolita Tea Party (In the Gazebo)
5:00 -6:00PM	PCC Presents Mike Mignola	Perspective and Panel Placement for Comics	Screen toning						
6:30 -7:30PM	Writing for Comics and a Living	Comics the Arizona Way	Directing Anime						
8:00 -11:30PM									Art Auction (In the Palo Verde Suite)



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FRIDAY

6:30 -7:30PM	Ninjas	Art Institute of Phoenix	Business for Comics Creators	3rd Annual Phoenix Cactus Comicon Film Festival	PCC Karaoke Club	Art Contests: Sponsored by AIP until 11:30	
8:00 -9:00PM	Foot Klan	Comic Book Trivia Contest	It's a Ball-Jointed Affair				
9:30 -11:00PM	Manga Showdown	How To Color Comics the Hi-Fi Way	Risembool Ranger Rally				

SATURDAY

11:00AM -12:00PM	So It Is Written	Your Friendly Neighborhood Comic Book Pros	Basic Cosplay Sewing Skills	3rd Annual Phoenix Cactus Comicon Film Festival	PCC Karaoke Club	Art Contests: Sponsored by AIP (Room opens 10:30)	
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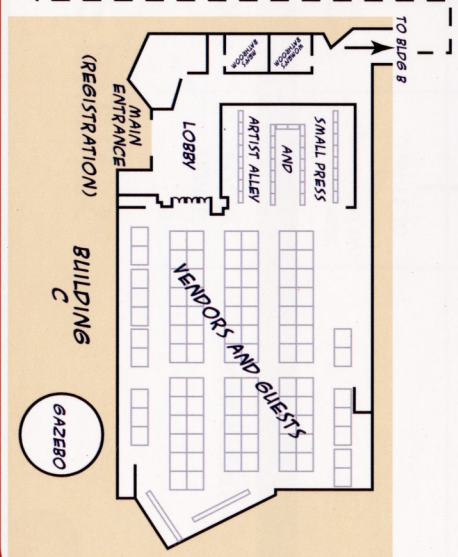
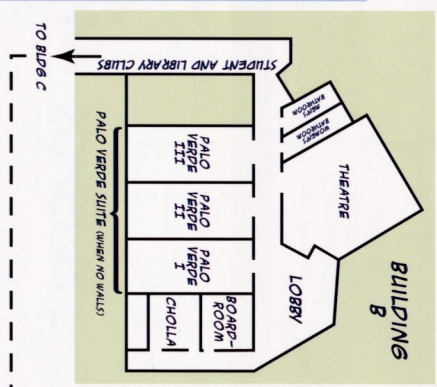
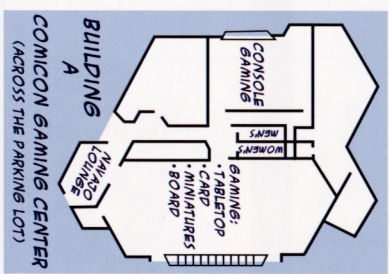
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SUNDAY							
11:00AM -12:00PM	Creators Showcase Q&A	Comic Art Superstars	Drawing Faces	Finding Our Voices (11:00-12:30pm)	PCC Karaoke Club	Art Contests: Sponsored by AIP (Room opens 10:30)	
12:30 -1:30PM		Tokyo Pop Stars!		Anime Music Video Contest (12:30-2:00pm)			
1:00 -2:00PM	ZOMBIES!		Soundtrack with Vic Mignogna				Anime Scavenger Hunt (Start at Navajo Lounge in Gaming Center, until 3:00pm)
2:00 -3:00PM	Anime Game Show	JFashion	Hello Kitty	3rd Annual Phoenix Cactus Comicon Film Festival			Autograph Sessions Crispin Freeman, Vic Mignona (In Booth 87, until 4:00pm) Masquerade Prejudging (Info Desk; Lobby Bldg. "B")
3:00 -4:00PM							Masquerade (In the Palo Verde Suite, 4:00pm)

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SCRIPTING FOR SCREEN AND PRINT

An informative interactive presentation on writing for screen and comics from leaders and experienced veterans in both fields.

Len Wein, Mike Mignola, Mike Stackpole, Jeff Mariotte, Brian Pulido

Saturday; 2:00PM-3:00 Theater

SCRIPT WRITING FOR ADV

ADV co-founder Matt Greenfield and anime voice actor Tiffany Grant discuss the art of adapting original anime scripts into dubbed English versions.

Saturday; 3:30PM-4:30 Palo Verde II

SCREEN TONING

Screen toning can add depth and nuance to your art

Amy Hadley

Saturday; 5:00 PM-6:00 Palo Verde III

SO IT IS WRITTEN

The PCC Writers showcase will be awesome!

Mike Bullock, Shannon Denton, Raven Gregory, Jeff Mariotte, Brian Pulido, Mike Stackpole

Saturday; 11:00AM-12:00 Palo Verde I

SOUNDTRACK WITH VIC MIGNOGNA

Like music? So do we. Vic Mignogna talks about his musical projects

Sunday; 1:00PM-2:00 Palo Verde III

TOKYO POP STARS!

Manga Mania with Amy Hadley and M. Alice LeGrow

Sunday; 12:30PM- 1:30 Palo Verde II

WRITING FOR COMICS AND A LIVING

Don't be a starving writer! Published authors of comics and other media share their collective wisdom

Derek Benz, Christian Beranek, Shannon Denton, Jon Lewis, Jeff Mariotte, Mike Stackpole

Saturday; 6:30 PM-7:30 Palo Verde I

YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD COMIC BOOK PROS

See the talented people who create comic book art.

Dave Beaty, Tess Fowler, Rob Osborn, Tony Parker, Tone Rodriguez

Saturday; 11:00AM-12:00 Palo Verde II

ZOMBIES!

Discover the fine art of horror comics with Mike Mignola, Arthur Suydam, Christian Beranek, Jay Fotos, Andy Kuhn, and Jeff Mariotte. Bring your braaains.

Sunday; 1:00PM-2:00 Palo Verde I

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MATHEW ATHERTON (FEEDBACK)

Mathew, a fan of Spider-Man since the age of five, realized his dream last summer when he participated in SCI FI Channel's new reality TV show. Not only did he develop a personal relationship with Spider-Man's creator, but he became Stan Lee's next great superhero, Feedback, as the winner of Who Wants To Be A Superhero? In his secret identity, Mathew works as a software engineer and lives in Rancho Cucamonga, California, with his wife, Sarah, and two dogs, Emily and Maggie. The Feedback comic book is slated to be published in January by Dark Horse Comics.

DAVE BEATY

Dave Beaty got his start in 1992 as a background artist on *Guardians of the Galaxy* (Marvel Comics). Since then, he's been professionally published as an inker, a penciller and a writer. He is the co-creator of Stargodsz (Antarctic Press). He currently writes and draws the award-winning series *Captain Value* and *Bushi Tales*.

DEREK BENZ

Derek joined with his childhood friend, J.S. Lewis, to pen the acclaimed new series of *Grey Griffins* books (*The Revenge of the Shadow King* and *The Rise of the Black Wolf*), published by Scholastic, Inc. With twists and turns on every page, the series has captivated readers with tales steeped in archaeology, linguistics, mythology and cosmology.

CHRISTIAN BERANEK

Christian Beranek is a co-creator of the wildly successful graphic novel *Dracula vs. King Arthur*. His upcoming work includes *Venice Is Sinking*, *Unhappy White Girls*, *Silent Devils: Ja-Tan* and a project with Universal Music.

MIKE BULLOCK

His first creator-owned title, an all-ages story called *Lions, Tigers & Bears*, took the industry by storm and won critical acclaim. Bullock recently began writing for Moonstone Books' new *The Phantom* series and created *The Gimoles*, which is published by Image.

SHANNON DENTON

Denton is a veteran storyteller and artist who contributed to almost every action adventure show produced by Fox Kids Network. He has also worked for Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network. His projects have ranged from *Superman* to *Spawn* to *Star Wars*. Denton co-founded Komikwerks, which publishes the work of professional artists of animation, video games, comics and live action. He has books out from TokyoPop, Arcana and Image.

JAY FOTOS

Jay Fotos began work as a colorist for Todd McFarlane Productions in 1998. Since then, he has worked on *Curse of the Spawn*, *Spawn: The Dark Ages*, *Spawn: The Undead*, *Sam and Twitch* and *Cy-Gor*. Currently, Fotos is working on *Death Dealer* from Image Comics, *Clive Barker's The Great and Secret Show*, *30 Days of Night: Spreading the Disease* and '68.

TESS FOWLER

Tess Fowler is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to art. Her most recent work is included in the exciting *Hellboy: Animated Storm of Swords* sketch card project from Inkworx. This follows the *Lord of the Rings: Masterpieces* cards from Topps. A collection of her paintings will appear in the March, 2007 issue of *Heavy Metal Magazine*.

CRISPIN FREEMAN

Crispin got his start playing Zelgadis Graywords in *The Slayers*. He's also played Alucard in *Hellsing*, Bal-mung in *.hack//SIGN*, Amon in *Witch Hunter Robin*, Fuma Monou in *X, Iketani (Cole)* in *Initial D*, Rosiel in *Angel Sanctuary*, Saotome in *Boogiepup Phantom*, Alex Rowe in *Last Exile*, Tsume in *Wolf's Rain*, Togusa in *Ghost in the Shell: S.A.C.* and many more!

TIFFANY GRANT

Best known as Asuka from *Neon Genesis Evangelion*, Tiffany has voiced characters in well over 800 TV episodes, OVAs and movies including *Satella in Chrono Crusade* and *Kaorin in Azumanga Daioh*. She has also written the English dubbing scripts for TV series *Angelic Layer*, *Maburaho* and *Comic Party Revolution*. Tiffany's talent even extends to live action: she appeared in the movie *Arlington Road*, starring Jeff Bridges.

MATT GREENFIELD

Co-founder of ADV Films (A.D. Vision, Inc.), Matt currently serves as the vice-president in charge of production. As a writer, producer and director Greenfield has helmed well over 475 TV episodes and feature films including such fan favorites as *RahXephon* and the legendary *Neon Genesis Evangelion*. Matt's recent and current projects include *Chrono Crusade*, *Gantz* and the iconic *Macross*. As a voice actor, Matt's best-known roles are Hyuga in *Neon Genesis Evangelion* and Sugishita in *Blue Seed*.

AMY REEDER HADLEY

Hadley was a runner-up in TokyoPop's annual *Rising Stars of Manga* talent contest. Her relationship with the American manga publisher blossomed into *Fool's Gold*. Armed with an abundance of talent and a degree in social science, Hadley's debut work shows a grasp of the highs and lows of high school drama.

PHIL HESTER

In the last 15 years, Phil has worked for nearly every comic book publisher and is nearing his 300th published comic. His past

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work includes: *Swamp Thing*, *Detective*, *The Creeper*, *Ultimate Marvel Team-Up*, *Brave Old World*, *Namor* and lots more. His current and upcoming work is as follows: *Green Arrow*, *Firebreather* and *The Operation*. He is nice and likes nice people.

ANDY KUHN

Andy is currently the artist on *Marvel Team-Up* and is working on future projects for DC Comics. His past credits include runs on *Batgirl*, *Marvel Adventures*, *Spider-Man Unlimited* and *X-Men Adventures*. Phil Hester and he co-created *Firebreather*, which was published by Image and optioned by Paramount Pictures for a feature film.

JON S. LEWIS

J.S. Lewis teamed with childhood friend, Derek Benz. Together, the duo collaborated to pen the acclaimed new series *Grey Griffins Books* (*The Revenge of the Shadow King* and *The Rise of the Black Wolf*), published by Scholastic, Inc. With twists and turns on every page, the series has captivated readers with tales steeped in archaeology, linguistics, mythology and cosmology.

ROB LIEFELD

One of the creators behind *Onslaught Reborn* (with Jeph Loeb), *Youngblood*, *X-Force* and *New Mutants* was at PCC to meet with fans all day on Saturday. Our thanks go to Jimmy Jay and Jay Company Comics for helping to make Rob's appearance possible.

JEFF MARIOTTE

Jeff Mariotte has written more than 30 novels, including original supernatural thriller *Missing White Girl*, horror epic *The Slab* and YA horror quartet *Witch Season*. His tie-in books include the series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Las Vegas*, *Conan*, *30 Days of Night*, *Charmed*, *Star Trek* and *Andromeda*. He is also the author of more comic books than he has time to count, including the original Western series *Desperadoes*.

ANGEL MEDINA

Angel had runs on *The Incredible Hulk*, *Warlock* and *the Infinity Watch* and *The Avengers*. Later, he joined Image Comics with Todd McFarlane, where he was the artist for *Sam* and *Twitch*. He eventually focused on *Spawn*, which he has now drawn for several years. In 2005, he was assigned to *Marvel Knights Spider-Man* at Marvel.

MIKE MIGNOLA

Mignola attracted great notice after his initial work for DC Comics. He had several high-profile assignments in 1988, including creating covers for *Batman: A Death in the Family* and penciling *Cosmic Odyssey* and *Gotham*

by *Gaslight*. In 1994, he deviated from the practice of only working on characters and properties of others; Mignola's first *Hellboy* story was published by Dark Horse Comics. The series about a paranormal investigator from Hell, the eponymous *Hellboy*, soon proved to be a popular and critical success. The storylines heavily draw on Mignola's own interests — folklore, monsters, B-movies, ghost stories and pulp stories. It has since become the endeavor with which Mignola is most closely connected, and he has kept up a steady stream of *Hellboy* stories and merchandise.

VIC MIGNOLONA

Vic is a professional music composer/producer and veteran actor with ADV Films. He has most recently voiced characters in anime series as Edward Elric in *Fullmetal Alchemist*, Kurz in *Full Metal Panic*, Kougaji in *Saiyuki* and Mamoru in *RahXephon*. Vic has also voiced characters in *Noir*, *Steel Angel Karumi*, *Orphen*, *Excel Saga*, *Yu Yu Hakusho*, *Kino's Journey*, *Dragonball GT* and many others.

BRIAN MILLER/HI-FI COLOUR DESIGN

Brian Miller is a painter, comic book colorist, Arizona local, and founder of Hi-Fi colour design. Hi-Fi colors comic books for DC, Image, Marvel and other publishers. They also work with video game, animation, toy and clothing companies on designs, licensed art, and packaging.

NARAT MYCHAELS

When Mychaels was 13, he met fellow aspiring artist Rob Liefeld, who was 16 at the time, at a local comic book convention. The two struck up a friendship and kept in touch. Years later, Liefeld was working on *New Mutants* when he hired Mychaels as his assistant. Soon, Liefeld offered Mychaels *Brigade*. Mychaels' credits include *Demonlayer*, *Knightmare*, *Battlestone*, *Nash* and *X-Force: Shatterstar*.

TODD NAUCK

Todd Nauck regularly draws super heroes for the big two comic book companies: DC Comics and Marvel Comics. His 12 years' worth of credits include work on *Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man*, *Teen Titans Go*, *Superman*, *Young Justice*, *Teen Titans*, 52 and countless others. He also writes and draws his own title, *WildGuard* (through Image Comics), which has been featured in *TV Guide* and *Wizard Magazine*.

NOEL NEILL

Noel is known as the original "Lois Lane" for acting in the 1948 and 1950 *Superman* movie serials opposite the screen's first Superman, Kirk Alyn, and later on TV with George Reeves. Her career came full circle with her portrayal of Getrude Vanderworth in 2006's *Superman Returns* opposite Kevin Spacey as Lex Luthor. She is currently promoting her biography, *Truth, Justice, & The American Way: The Life & Times of Noel Neill, The Original Lois Lane*.

GUESTS

ROB OSBORNE

Rob Osborne is the writer-artist of the award-winning graphic novel *1000 Steps to World Domination*. Osborne also authored the critically-acclaimed graphic novella *Sunset City: For Active Senior Living*. He has worked as a writer, editorial cartoonist, graphic designer and illustrator, and as readers of *1000 Steps* know, he aspires to conquer the world.

JAMES OWEN

James A. Owen wrote and illustrated the book *Here, There Be Dragons*, which is being developed as a feature film by Warner Brothers Studio. He has written and illustrated two dozen *Starchild* comics, the *Mythworld* series of novels (published in Germany and France) and more.

TONY PARKER

Tony has been in over 100 RPG books and magazines, 130 CCG cards, as well as indie comics and book covers. He has worked on many internationally-known and award-winning properties, including *Conan*, *Warhammer*, *Mutants & Masterminds* and Robert Heinlein's *Starship Troopers*.

GEORGE PEREZ

George's work on the *Fantastic Four*, *The Inhumans* and *The Avengers* garnered him the reputation as the artist who liked to draw group books. During his historic career, George has worked for every major publisher as well as some minor ones. He is best known for his work on *The New Teen Titans*, a series that helped turn DC Comics around in the early '80s and was also the first mainstream title to offer a royalties program to its creators. He is also well-known for his runs on *Wonder Woman* and for the maxi-series to end all maxi series, *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

JEN LEE QUICK

Her published comic work includes: *Soul Union*, published in I.C. Entertainment's anthology *Amerimanga*; *Once in a Blue Moon*, published by Oni Press; and *Off*Beat*, published by Tokyopop, which won a silver medal for graphic novels in 2005's *Foreward Magazine* Book of the Year Awards.

TONE RODRIGUEZ

Back in 1999, Tone received a Russ Manning Award Nomination for *Violent Messiahs* from Image Comics. Tone followed with *Violent Messiahs: Lamenting Pain*. *John Carpenter's Snake Plissken Chronicles* followed as well as a job on *The Simpsons'* annual adventure *Tree House of Horrors*. Last year, *The Covenant* graphic novel, published by Top Cow, was developed into a motion picture for 20th Century Fox.

STEVE RUDE

Nexus, an offbeat science fiction superhero written and co-created with Mike Baron, remains Steve's most sustained and best-known work to date. Steve won the Russ Manning Newcomer Award and two Will Eisner Awards for Artistic Excellence. His most recent works include his new series, *Steve Rude's The Moth*, currently published by Dark Horse.

MIKE STACKPOLE

Michael A. Stackpole is an award-winning, New York Times Bestselling author, editor, game and computer game designer. In 1988 the first two of his novels appeared, and by 2005 he had 37 published books, including eight New York Times Bestselling *Star Wars*® novels.

ARTHUR SUYDAM

Arthur Suydam is a comic creator whose work was recently featured on covers for *Marvel Zombies*, *Ghost Rider*, *Hellstorm* and *Wolverine: Origins*, as well as the much-anticipated crossover of *Marvel Zombies* vs. *Army of Darkness*. Suydam's artwork and writing have been featured in publications including *Heavy Metal* and *National Lampoon*, as well as international sci-fi and comic anthologies.

JOE AND TIM VIGIL

The Vigil brothers are renowned horror and fantasy creators of the famous (or infamous) adult horror comic book *Faust*. They have also worked on *Chaingang*; *My Dead Dog*, *Bobby*, with author Joe R. Landsdale; and Joe's own, very personal comicbook, *Dog*, which is based on his unpublished novel.

LEN WEIN

Wein and artist Bernie Wrightson created the horror character *Swamp Thing*. In the early 1970s, Len began writing regularly for Marvel Comics. Wein had lengthy runs on *Marvel Team-Up*, *The Amazing Spider-Man*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *The Mighty Thor* and *Fantastic Four*. In 1975, he and artist Dave Cockrum revived the Stan Lee / Jack Kirby mutant-superhero team *The X-Men* after a half-decade's hiatus, reformatting the membership. Among the characters the duo created were Night-crawler, Storm, Colossus, and Thunderbird; Wein had previously created *Wolverine*, with artists John Romita Sr. and Herb Trimpe, in *The Incredible Hulk*. Wein plotted the next two *X-Men* stories with artist Cockrum.

DAN WICKLINE

Dan co-wrote *30 Days of Night: Dead Space* with series creator Steve Niles, and (alone) wrote the current series *30 Days of Night: Spreading the Disease*. In March, the Hero Initiative's charity graphic novel *The Unusual Suspects* will be published by Top Cow.

LIN WORKMAN

Lin is one half of Pencil Neck Studios. He and David Beatty are both currently working on the comic book series *Bushi Tales*. He was president of the Mid-South Cartoonists Association for over four years, but prefers his current role as vice president.

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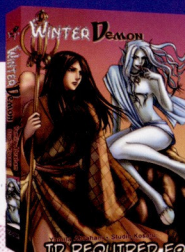
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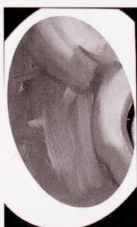
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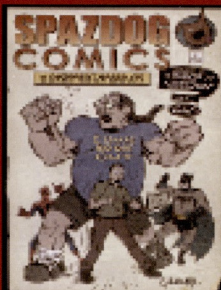
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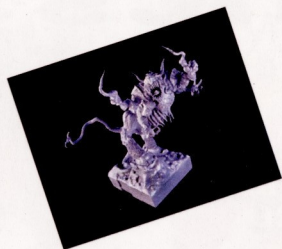
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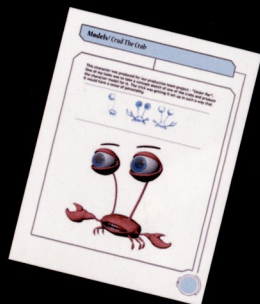
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