

THE GAY AGENDA

SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL JULY 17-20, 2003

PRISM COMICS

BOOTH 1946 AND 1948

SIGNING SCHEDULE

Friday

Thursday 1:00 Andy Mangels Satu

Saturday I I:00 Phil Jimenez

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11:00 Jose Villarrubia 1:00 Doug Giffen

10:00 Brad Rader 1:00 Tommy Kovac

4:00 Andy Mangels

2:00 Donna Barr

3:00 Jai Sen

Sunday 11:00 Paige Braddock

Colleen Coover, Tristan Crane, Roberta Gregory, and Stephen Sadowski will also be signing. Please check the Prism booth for times for these and other creators.

HOURLY PRIZE DRAWINGS

Register for a chance to win free prizes (11:00-6:00 Thur. through Sat. and 11:00-4:00 Sun.). Just for sharing your views on LGBT comics, you could win items like GARLANDS OF MOONLIGHT signed by Jai Sen, GOOD THINGS TO SHARE signed by J.T. Cummins, the LXG movie press kit DVD signed by actress Peta Wilson, and our very own Prism Comics Southern California Survival Kit!

WIN LUNCH WITH JIMENEZ AND WINICK

Pick up your tickets (for a suggested \$5 donation each) at the Prism booth to win a fun-filled free lunch in the Gaslamp Quarter with these fan-favorite creators. The drawing is on Saturday at 11:45 am with Phil and Judd departing with the winner for lunch thereafter.

Comic-Con International is the largest comics convention of the year! With so many panels and special events, it's difficult to navigate through the exhaustive con program guide to find exactly what you're looking for.

So we've narrowed it down for you and picked the panels we feel have the most interest for LGBT comics fans!

THURSDAY JULY 17"

CAC #1: SUPERHERO IDENTITIES

12:30-2:30, Room 7A

Susannah Mandel (MIT) shows how queer identities have come out of the closet and into the mainstream. Other panelists include Kim DeVries (Asian identities), Willliam Foster (examines how comics once shied away from issues of prejudice but are now taking on contemporary issues like hate crimes and the celebration of diversity), and Constance Regen (a feminist treatment of women in superhero comics).

SEDUCTION OF THE INNOCENT

1:00-2:30 in Room 9

The book that spawned the Comics Code Authority and its rules on how content is portrayed in comics (including sexuality) is discussed in this panel that includes Kurt Busiek (ASTRO CITY), Dwight Decker (Disney Comics), Al Feldstein (EC Comics editor), and Grant Geissman (EC authority). Moderated by Mark Evanier.

HISTORICAL AND ALTERNATE HISTORY FICTION IN COMICS 3:00-4:30 in Room 2

Panelists include **Jai Sen** (THE GOLDEN VINE, THE MALAY MYSTERIES), **Eric Shanower** (AGE OF BRONZE), Thomas Yeates (UNIVERSE X, ZORRO) B. Clay Moore and Steven Griffin (HAWAIIAN DICK). Johanna Draper Carlson moderates.



THE ART OF CHIP KIDD

5:30-7:00 in Room 7A

The award-winning gay book designer and author presents a slide show and discussion on his work and art; including The Cheese Monkeys and Mythology: The DC Art of Alex Ross.

FRIDAY JULY 18TH

DC ONE-ON-ONE: GEOFF JOHNS AND JUDD WINICK

10:30-11:30 in Room 1AB

Geoff Johns (JSA) and GLAAD Award-winning writer Judd Winick (PEDRO AND ME) have established their own corner of the DC Universe with THE OUTSIDERS and TEEN TITANS.

SELF-PUBLISHING 101

10:30-12:00 in Room 16AB

Join Tom Beland (TRUE STORY, SWEAR TO GOD), Paige Braddock (JANE'S WORLD), Madison Clell (CUCKOO), Mike Kunkel (HEROBEAR AND THE KID), David Yurkovich (ALTERCATIONS), and moderator Mark Thompson (Cold Cut Distribution) as they cover the basics of self-publishing.



25 YEARS OF GRAPHIC NOVELS

12:00-1:30 in Room 7A

Join Will Eisner, along with Colleen Doran (ORBITER, A DISTANT SOIL), **Eric Shanower** (AGE OF BRONZE, OZ graphic novels), Craig Thompson (GOOD-BYE CHUNKY RICE, BLANKETS), **Chip Kidd** (editor/designer, Pantheon), and Kim Kang Won (I.N.Y.U.). Moderated by Randy Duncan of the Comic Arts Conference.

SPOTLIGHT ON CARLA SPEED MCNEIL

12:30-1:30 in Room 7B

The Eisner Award-nominated writer/artist of the self-published SF comics series FINDER, Carla Speed McNeil will be talking about her work and sharing her thoughts on the state of comics today.

VERTIGO'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

12:30-2:00 in Room 1AB

Learn what's coming for Vertigo in this slide presentation with VP, Executive Editor Karen Berger, Group Editor Shelly Bond, and Editor Will Dennis; writers Neil Gaiman, Grant Morrison, Brian Azzarello, Bill Willingham, Brian K.Vaughan, Mike Carey, Andy Diggle, and David Tischman; writer/artist Jill Thompson; and artists Eduardo Risso and Marcelo Frusin.



SPOTLIGHT ON TERRY MOORE: 10 YEARS OF STRANGERS IN PARADISE

2:30-3:30 in Room 7B

Join Terry as he looks back at 10 years with Katchoo, Francine, and the whole cast of SiP and describes what's next. Terry Moore will be presented with his Inkpot Award at this event.

THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OF ALAN MOORE

3:30-4:30 in Room 8

Several of Moore's closet collaborators will reflect on an amazing career, including Garry Leach (MIRACLEMAN), J. H. Williams III (PROMETHEA), Kevin O'Neill (THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN), Todd Klein (letterer, ABC Comics), **Jose Villarrubia** (THE MIRROR OF LOVE), and Scott Dunbier (editor of ABC Comics). Moderated by George Khoury, author of Extraordinary Works of Alan Moore and Kimota.

STEALTH MARKETING

3:30-4:30 in Room 19

Donna Barr (DESERT PEACH) moderates as her fast-acting colleagues **Roberta Gregory** (NAUGHTY BITS), Carla Speed McNeil (FINDER), Joey Manley (Moderntales.com), Madison Clell (CUCKOO), and Walter Crane (Sick Mind Press) show you how to throw out the net and get into people's minds before they even know you're coming.

GAYS IN COMICS: CROSSFIRE

5:00-6:30b in Room 16A/B

As gay characters/themes become more prevalent in comics today, how do we make them more well-rounded? Can we move beyond either hyper-violent or moralistic non-sexual characters? Moderator Joan Hilty (DC editor) runs a feisty panel that includes Phil Jimenez (NEW X-MEN), Jose Villarrubia (Alan Moore's MIRROR OF LOVE), Denise Sudell (Sequential Tart), Jai Sen (THE GOLDEN VINE) Marc Andreyko (SAM & TWITCH), and Robert Rodi (ELEKTRA).



WILL EISNER COMICS INDUSTRY AWARDS

8:30-10:30 in Room 20

It's the gala ceremony of the comics industry, featuring a keynote speech by Neil Gaiman, the Manning and Clampett Award, and Will Eisner himself. Nominees include: **Jai Sen** and Rizky Wasisto Edi (GARLANDS OF MOONLIGHT),

Eric Shanower (AGÉ OF BRONZÈ), P. Craig Russell (BETWEEN TWO WORLDS: THE STRANGE AND SAD STORY OF ERICH WOLFGANF KORNGOLD), Carla Speed McNeil (FINDER), Terry Moore (STRANGERS IN PARADISE), Ted Naifeh (COURTNEY CRUMRIN & THE NIGHT THINGS), Ed Brubaker, Greg Rucka, and Michael Lark (GOTHAM CENTRAL), Chip Kidd (HOUSE AT MAAKIES CORNER).

SATURDAY JULY 19TH



SPOTLIGHT ON NEIL GAIMAN

12:00-1:00 in Room 6A

Hear the man himself as he gives you the lowdown on everything from 1602 to SANDMAN: ENDLESS NIGHTS, from Mirror Mask to The WOLVES IN THE WALLS. It's all here!

Other Neil Gaiman Panels include:

A Short Film About John Bolton by Neil Gaiman Thursday 5:30-7:00 in Room 6B

Henson Presents: Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean's MirrorMask Friday 4:30-6:00 in Room 6CDEF

A Sunday Afternoon Chat with Mr. Gaiman and Mr. McKean Sunday 1:30-3:00 in Room 6A

CAC #8: CHANGING TIMES, CHANGING HEROES 12:00-1:30 in Room 7A

Thomas Schilz looks at romance and sexuality in contemporary superhero comics mirrors America's changing face since the Sexual Revolution. Also Robert A. Emmons Jr. argues that THE DARK KNIGHT STRIKES AGAIN is a worthy descendent of THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS. Matthew Poslusny traces the ways mainstream comics depict environmental problems.

SELF-PUBLISHING 102: GETTING IT DOWN ON PAPER 12:30-2:00 in Room 16AB

Join Jason Asala (NANTUCKET BROWN ROASTERS, POE), Carla Speed McNeil (FINDER), Tyler Page (STYLISH VITTLES), **Eric Shanower** (AGE OF BRONZE), and moderator Tim Stroup (Cold Cut Distribution) as they talk about everything you need to physically produce your own comic book.

GAYS IN COMICS: SWEET SIXTEENTH PANEL

5:30-7pm, Room 16AB

Celebrating diversity, Marvel and DC are both featuring gay characters and storylines with increasing frequency. So where are the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered comics in the rest of the field? Moderator Andy Mangels (DRAGON'S LAIR) leads a panel which includes Tristan Crane (HOW LOATHSOME), novelist Greg Sanchez (RAINBOW ARC OF FIRE), Joe Palmer (Prism Comics), Paige Braddock (JANE'S WORLD), Stephen Sadowski (AVENGERS, JSA), and a surprise mystery guest!

GAY COMIC FAN RECEPTION & PARTY

Immediately following the Gays in Comics Panel; Room 16AB Your chance to socialize with other gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or open-minded fans and creators! This party is sponsored by the Gay League and will include lots of fabulous fun, surprises, video entertainment. Featuring a surprise mystery guest!

MODERNTALES/GIRLAMATIC PANEL

6:00 pm in Room 7A

Panelists will discuss the aesthetic and commercial opportunities these websites afford cartoonists. Panelists include Cayetano Garza Jr. (Whimville), Dean Haspiel (Billy Dogma), Shaenon K. Garrity (Narbonic), Rick Hoberg (Gizmo & Geers), Donna Barr (Desert Peach), and T. Campbell (Rip & Teri). ModernTales.com's Joey Manley moderates.

SUNDAY JULY 20"

FRIENDS OF LULU GENERAL MEETING

11:00-12:30 in Room 7B

Panelists include Katie Merritt, president of Friends of Lulu and comics retailer, and Heidi MacDonald, director and Pulse writer.

WOMEN ON THE VERGE

1:30-3pm, Room 16AB

The panelists will recount how they've managed crises and expectations as they've developed their careers and business savvy. Panelists include Carla Speed McNeil (FINDER), Janet Harvey (JUNGLE GIRL), Amanda Conner (THE PRO), Laurenn McCubbin (XXX LIVE NUDE GIRLS), **Ariel Schrag** (POTENTIAL), **Colleen Coover** (SMALL FAVORS) and Christine Norrie (CHEAT). Moderated by Kelly Sue DeConnick (artbomb.net).

KNOWN LGBT CREATORS IN ATTENDANCE



Marc Andreyko
Paige Braddock (booth #1803)
Aman Chaudhary

Chris Cooper

Colleen Coover (Fantagraphics and Eros booths)

Tristan Crane (NBM booth #1229)

Darren Davis (Tidal Wave Studios)

J.A. Fludd Doug Giffin

Roberta Gregory (Donna Barr's table and Prism booth)
Terrance Griep, Jr

Lea Hernandez (Girlamatic/Rumble Girls booth S-15)

Joan Hilty (DC Comics booth)

Phil Jimenez (DC and Prism booths)

Chip Kidd

Chuck Kim

Tommy Kovac (Slave Labor Graphics booth)
Andy Mangels (CrossGen #2016 and Prism booth)
Joe Phillips

Brad Rader (Flaming Artist - Artists Alley Y-I)

Robert Rodi (CrossGen) Stephen Sadowski

Ariel Schrag

Jai Sen and Ivan Chan (Shoto Press booth #1907) Eric Shanower (Age of Bronze booth #1909) Elizabeth Watasin (Slave Labor Graphics booth) Iose Villarrubia

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Plus: **Sequential Tart**, the award-winning, womanproduced, queer-friendly webzine, celebrates its fifth anniversary. Their booth is located at 2345 and 2347. Original artwork by **Maurice Vellekoop** will be on sale at the Drawn & Quarterly booth.