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FREE Hourly Prize Drawings

Register at **Prism Comics** for a chance to win items like He-Man DVDs, autographed books, Mattel toys, and TPBs from DC and Marvel!

More FREE Stuff!

Pick up samples of our weekly *Queer Eye on Comics* online reviews, free PrismComics.org stickers for your Comic-Con ID badge, and autographs from the hottest LGBT comics creators! Check the signing schedule at the Prism Comics booth.

Other Booths with LGBT Material

Abstract Studios, Inc. (<i>Strangers in Paradise</i>) -- Booth #2209	Radio Comix (ask for yaoi) -- Booth #5430
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund -- Booth #1930	Rebel Studios/Tim Vigil -- Booth #E2
Digital Manga Publishing (ask for yaoi) -- Booth #2649	<i>Surge of Power</i> Enterprises -- Booth #14
Fantagraphics Books -- Booth #1716	TOKYOPOP (ask for yaoi) -- Booth #3529
Friends of Lulu -- Small Press Table #D1	Top Shelf Productions, Inc. -- Booth #1721
Furrystuff/In-Fur-Nation -- Small Press Table #J7	Tower Records/BCI Eclipse -- Booth #4829
Image Comics (<i>Lions & Tigers & Bears</i>) -- Booth #2729	Twomorrows Publishing -- Booth #1215
Last Kiss Entertainment -- Booth #2205	Utilikilts Co -- Booth #5303

Comic-Con International is the largest comics convention of the world! Since there are so many panels, presentations, and multimedia events to choose from, we've narrowed down the listing to material that we feel will have the highest appeal for LGBT comic fans and their supporters!

Listings are current as of July 14th. For full panel listings and descriptions, please consult your Comic-Con Program. **BOLD listing = LGBT creator.**

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COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 101: "LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING"

11:00-1:00, Room 3 • Learn the basics of copyright and trademark law in this popular interactive lecture series brought to you by noted attorney **Michael Lovitz**, author of *The Trademark and Copyright Book* comic book.

PRISM COMICS: INCREASING LGBT VISIBILITY

12:00-1:00, Room 1B • Meet the all-volunteer force behind the comics industry's only nonprofit organization supporting LGBT creators, stories, and readers, and learn how you can join in. Prism's accomplishments, activities, and upcoming plans will be discussed by the organization's officers and committee chairs, as well as members of its advisory board, which includes **Paige Braddock** (*Jane's World*), **Tim Fish** (*Strugglers*), **Terrance Griep** (*Victoria's Secret Service*), **Patricia Jeres** (former director of marketing communications for DC Comics), **Andy Mangels** (best-selling *Star Trek* author and DVD producer), **Richard Neal** (owner, Zeus Comics, Dallas, TX), **Joe Phillips** (artist, *Calli Boys*; writer-director, *Stonewall and Riot*), and **José Villarrubia** (*The Mirror of Love*).

COMICS EDITORS ON COMICS EDITING

12:30-2:00, Room 4 • Behind the scenes, the comics editor—the interface between the creators and the business folks—does mysterious, unsung work. Join top editors **Bob Schreck** (group editor, Vertigo, Batman), **Jim Salicrup**, **Diana Schutz**, **Lee Nordling**, and a couple of surprise guests as they talk about what it is they do. Moderated by longtime Spider-Man group editor **Danny Fingeroth**.

COMIC ARTS CONFERENCE SESSION #3: COMICS... WHEN PICTURES AND WORDS COLLIDE!

1:00-2:30, Room 7B • Explore three unique and valuable perspectives on comics, from concept to creation to publication with famed author **RC Harvey** and legendary artist **Rick Geary**. Renowned graphic designer **Chip Kidd** (*Book One; Batman Collected*) reveals his book selection process as editor of Pantheon's graphic novel line. Noted writer **Michael Dooley** moderates.

SPOTLIGHT ON TOMMY KOVAC

1:30-2:15, Room 9 • **Tommy Kovac** has been writing and drawing comics for nearly a decade. His work includes such titles as *Stitch*, *Skelebunnies*, and his current series *Autumn*, all for SLG Publishing. Kovac is also the writer of *Wonderland*, a series telling the story of what happened in Wonderland right after Alice left at the end of the classic Disney animated film, and he is developing a new series for SLG Publishing called *The Royal Historian of Oz*. Tommy is a "Friend of Dorothy" in more ways than one!

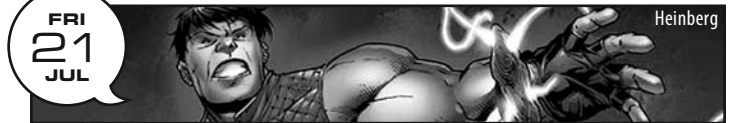
NEW CHALLENGES IN SELF-PUBLISHING

2:30-4:00, Room 7B • In recent years, comics self-publishers have had to take a hard look at the best way to present their work. Among the hardy band of successful long-term creators discussing these new challenges are moderator **Batton Lash**, **Kyle Baker**, **Paige Braddock** (*Jane's World*), **Rich Koslowski**, and **Phil Foglio**.

COMIC BOOK LEGAL DEFENSE FUND PARTY

Thursday, 7-11pm • **Westgate Hotel on the Terrace** • Co-sponsored by Prism Comics. CBLDF members get free admission (bring your ID card or your pin); others will need to pay at the door. Prism will be doing two live auctions: **Lunch (during the con)** with **Paige Braddock** and **Michael Lovitz**, and **Brunch (during the con)** with **José Villarrubia** and **Patty Jeres**!

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COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 202: MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND!

10:30-12:00, Room 3 • This second workshop brought to you by noted attorney **Michael Lovitz** will cover some of the more complicated issues facing creators who are looking to actually market their creations and ideas, including transfers and licensing of rights, marketing, merchandising and distribution, and what to do when Hollywood comes knocking.

STAR TREK: YEAR 41 AND COUNTING

11:00-12:30, Room 6CDEF • Panelists from throughout the *Star Trek* universe will be sharing nonrumor type information, revealing exciting projects, and answering most questions will be by official representatives! With **Paula Block**, **John Van Citters**, **Marco Palmieri**, **Margaret Clark**, **Michael and Denise Okuda**, **Sandy Stone**, and **Luis Reyes**. Moderated by best-selling *Star Trek* author **Andy Mangels**, this will be the place to get all your Starfleet information!

WARNER BROS. PICTURES PRESENTS

11:00-12:30, Hall H • Please welcome director **Bryan Singer** to answer your questions about *Superman Returns* and give you an idea of what's next.

WHO WANTS TO BE A SUPERHERO?

11:30-12:30, Room 6B • SCI FI Channel has joined forces with creator Stan Lee to present an all-new competition reality series that challenges a lucky few to create their very own superhero! All contestants need is an original idea, a killer costume, and some real superhero mojo. He's not listed as attending, but will gay cast-member/hero **Levity** appear?

WARNER HOME VIDEO'S SUPERMAN THROUGH THE AGES

1:00-2:00, Room 20 • Featuring special guests from the film and television incarnations of Superman, including a special reunion with surprise guests. Will **Jack Larson** (the original Jimmy Olsen) show up? Bet on it.

DVD SNEAK PEEK 2006

2:00-3:30, Room 6B • Bill Hunt and Todd Doogan, editors of The Digital Bits.com and a panel of some of Hollywood's leading special edition DVD producers will give you a first look at lots of great movie and TV DVDs on the way for 2006 and 2007! Scheduled to participate are Robert Meyer Burnett, Charles de Lauzirika, **Andy Mangels** (*He-Man, She-Ra, Dungeons & Dragons*), and Javier Soto.

PRISM COMICS: EVALUATING LGBT MATERIAL: HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

3:00-4:30, Room 24A • With more material being published involving LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) characters and issues, audiences and retailers need strategies for encouraging and supporting diversity while providing an environment in which the only surprises are the twists in the plot. Prism Comics, the nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting LGBT creators, themes, and issues in comics, offers its services in this area to the broader constituencies of the comics community. This discussion focuses greatly on the retail community, addressing the topic of how to get more LGBT-friendly books in your store and how Prism can help you sell them. This panel is the beginning of what is intended to be an ongoing dialogue, with the participation of experts from every aspect of the industry, in order to establish action plans in the quest for greater diversity in content as well as in the customer base. Panelists include **Roger B.A. Klorese**, president, Prism Comics and founder of QueerNet; Rory Root, owner and operator of Comic Relief, Berkeley, CA; Chris Powell, general manager of Lone Star Comics, Arlington, TX; **José Villarrubia**, artist and academician; **Paige Braddock**, cartoonist, *Jane's World*; Chris Ryall, publisher/editor-in-chief, IDW; Charles Brownstein, executive director, CBLDF; **Brian Chase**, Lambda Legal attorney, LGBT rights activist; and Roger Fletcher, VP of sales and marketing, Diamond Comic Distributors. Moderated by **Patricia Jeres**, Prism advisory board member and former director of marketing communications at DC Comics.

SPOTLIGHT ON ROBERT KIRKMAN

3:30-5:00, Room 4 • One of the hottest writers in comics today comes to Comic-Con as a special guest. Ask Robert Kirkman about his new gay hero Freedom Ring in *Marvel Team-Up*, and about the Pope's balls in *Battle Pope*.

FROM SHE-RA AND HE-MAN TO DUNGEONS & DRAGONS AND BEYOND!

4:30-6:00, Room 5AB • Prism Sponsors! They may have won DVD awards with their release of *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe*, but under their new Ink & Paint brand, BCI Eclipse isn't stopping there! Journey to Etheria in *She-Ra, Princess of Power* with Filimation founder Lou Scheimer, voice actress **Erika Scheimer**, co-creator Larry DiTillio, and writer J. Michael Straczynski (tentative). Brave the far-off worlds of *Flash Gordon*, *Blackstar*, and *Space Sentinels* with writer Michael Reaves. Witness the magic of the fan-favorite cartoon *Dungeons & Dragons*, represented by writer Mark Evanier. And BCI's director of acquisitions Jeff Hayne and special features producer (and moderator) **Andy Mangels** will preview over two dozen upcoming titles, including *Ultraman*, *Joe Cartoon*, *Happy Tree Friends*, *Defenders of the Earth*, *Groovie Goolies*, *Bravestarr*, *Ghostbusters*, *Ark II*, *Jason of Star Command*, and . . . ohmigod! . . . TV's sexy superheroine in *Secrets of Isis!*



SEE BACK COVER!

SPOTLIGHT ON FORREST J. ACKERMAN

5:00-6:00, Room 4 • Known for his love of all things fantastic and HORROR-endous puns, Forrest J Ackerman is one of fandom's most beloved figures. Forry is not "one of us," but he did write articles for the first lesbian magazine published, under a female pseudonym! Ask him about it!

SNL: SATURDAY TV FUNHOUSE WITH ROBERT SMIGEL

7:30-9:00, Room 6B • Join the Emmy Award-winning writer, producer and creator of Saturday Night Live's hilarious animated "TV Funhouse" segments, Robert Smigel, for a presentation and discussion about the upcoming DVD release of *SNL: The Best Of Saturday TV Funhouse*. Featuring clips of "The Ambiguously Gay Duo!"

WILL EISNER COMIC INDUSTRY AWARDS

8:30-11:30, Room 20 • Which LGBT creators or friendly books will take home one of the 18th annual Eisner Awards? Admission to the Eisners is free to all Comic-Con attendees—just be sure to bring your badge. Doors open for pros and VIPs at 7:30 and for attendees at 8:15. Nominees include *Age of Bronze*, *Ex Machina*, *Young Avengers*, *Top Ten: The Forty-Niners*, **Allan Heinberg**, **Eric Shanower**, **Paige Braddock**, **Jose Villarrubia**, and **Chip Kidd**.



Heinberg



Shanower



Braddock



Villarrubia



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COMIC BOOK LAW SCHOOL 303: WHY CAN'T YOU BEHAVE?!

10:30-12:00, Room 3 • This third workshop with noted attorney **Michael Lovitz** will deal with more advanced issues such as infringements, knock-offs, lawsuits, cybersquatters, and parodies.

COMIC ARTS CONFERENCE SESSION #10: POSTER SESSION

2:00-3:00, Room 7B • On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, scholars' PowerPoint presentations will be available to read in printed "poster books," then the scholars will be present at the poster session to discuss their presentations in discussions. One of them, **Eric Schlegel** (Dade County Public Schools), employs queer studies to examine the commonalities of our own mundane world heroics and those spandex and cape crowd via the concepts of the secret identity, gender identity, and outsider status in Superman, Wonder Woman, and Nightcrawler.

ERIC SHANOWER'S ROAD TO OZ

5:00-6:00, Room 1A • Journey down the Yellow Brick Road to the Land of Oz with **Eric Shanower** (*Age of Bronze*). Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Ozma, and all the rest cavort through Shanower's Oz stories and illustrations. Celebrate IDW Publishing's new compilation of Shanower's Oz graphic novels, *Adventures in Oz*, and see the many other Oz projects Eric has created.

GAYS IN COMICS, YEAR 19: INFINITELY OUT AND CIVIL PRIDE

5:30-7:00, Room 6A • From Young Avengers to Batwoman, Freedom Ring to *Tough Love*, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) characters are popping up more in mainstream comics, and LGBT creators are writing, drawing, or self-publishing more than ever. At its near-two-decade mark, the annual Gays in Comics panel takes the pulse of queer comicdom, showcasing some groundbreaking creators and their insights. Joining moderator **Andy Mangels** (writer of *Star Trek* novels, director of *He-Man* and *She-Ra* DVD documentaries) are **Patty Jeres** (past DC director of marketing communications, current Prism Advisory Board member), **Abby Denson** (creator of *Tough Love: High School Confidential* graphic novel), Greg Rucka (writer of *Gotham Central*, *52*, *Checkmate*), Gail Simone (writer of *Secret Six*, *Birds of Prey*), **Marc Andreyko** (writer of *Manhunter*), and **Phil Jimenez** (artist/writer of *Infinite Crisis*, *Otherworld*).



Batwoman

PIRATES, BIKES, AND DEMONS: THE ART OF S. CLAY WILSON

6:00-7:00, Room 7B • The raunchy work of underground artist and *Zap Comics* co-founder S. Clay Wilson has been pushing art into an unfathomably vulgar realm for over 40 years, and included some of comicdom's earliest gay or lesbian depictions. Come hear the legend tell stories about his art, characters, and the release of his long-awaited career retrospective, *The Art of S. Clay Wilson*.

PRISM COMICS FAN MIXER

7:00-8:00, Room 6A • Here's your chance to mingle with other LGBT and open-minded fans and creators and win fabulous prizes (no one leaves empty-handed)! There will also be a live auction for items such as a movie poster from *The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green* signed by the entire cast! Hosted by Prism Comics.

CBLDF FREE SPEECH BENEFIT AUCTION

7:00-10:00, Room 8 • The CBLDF holds its biggest auction of the year at Comic-Con, and this year offers some amazing one-of-a-kind items to raise money for free speech! Support the Fund's current casework in Georgia, and help them shore up reserves to protect comics' First Amendment rights against any threat on the horizon. Preview: 7:00; auction: 7:30.

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MEDIA TIE-IN WRITERS: UNITED AND LICENSED TO THRILL!

10:30-12:00, Room 2 • From *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*, to *Buffy* and *Superman*, to *CSI* and *Monk*, some of fiction's best-selling novels are media tie-ins. This year saw the organization of the International Association of Media Tie-In Writers, and many of its members are here to share secrets from the familiar worlds they work to expand in print! Alongside moderator **Andy Mangels** (*Star Trek*, *Roswell*) are Nancy Holder, David Seidman, Terry Erdmann, Marv Wolfman, Jeff Mariotte, and David R. George III.

DIGITAL MANGA PUBLISHING

11:30-12:30, Room 1B • Announcing future releases from DMP and Juné, the yaoi imprint.

SPOTLIGHT ON GAIL SIMONE

11:30-12:30, Room 9 • Meet Gail Simone, writer of *Birds of Prey*, *Secret Six*, *The All-New Atom*, and the upcoming *Gen13*! Though happily hetero, Gail is a member of the Gay League and will be on this year's Gays in Comics panel!

STAR TREK BOOKS: DARING TO EXPLORE

12:30-1:30, Room 1B • Pocket Books continues to expand the *Star Trek* universe with fiction in every series—and beyond! Join authors Jeff Ayers, Kirsten Beyer, Keith R. A. DeCandido, David R. George III, **Andy Mangels** (*Last Full Measure*), Mike Sussman, and Dayton Ward and Kevin Dillmore, along with editors Margaret Clark and Marco Palmieri.

COMIC BEARS AT THE HOLE

Sunday, after the Con - The Hole, 2820 Lytton St. (619) 226-9019 • It's become a con tradition that comic bears and those who love them retire after the Con to The Hole for their famous outdoor beverage bust and barbecue. More than a few pros have been spotted there over the years as well, enjoying some R&R on the patio!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



KNOWN LGBT CREATORS (*or supporters) IN ATTENDANCE

- Ted Abenheim** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Marc Andreyko** (DC Comics Booth #1915)
- Chayne Avery** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Saturday 3-4)
- Donna Barr** (San Diego State University Booth #5516; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Paige Braddock** (Indy Island/Cold Cut Booth #1901; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- David Paul Brown** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Saturday 2-3)
- Aman Chaudhary**
- Charles "Zan" Christensen** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Dave Davenport** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 6-7)
- Darren Davis** (Alias Enterprises Booth #1115; Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 3-4 & Saturday 12-1)
- Lynx Delerium** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Saturday 2-3)
- Abby Denson*** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Saturday 1-2 & Sunday 12-1)
- Tim Fish** (Indy Island/Cold Cut Booth #1901; Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Saturday 11-12)
- Andersen Gabrych** (DC Comics Booth #1915; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Russell Garcia** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Saturday 3-4)
- Roberta Gregory** (Artist Alley Table #JJ-07; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Terrance Griep** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 3-4 & Saturday 12-1)
- Craig Hamilton** (Artists Alley Table #GG-16; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Patty Jeres** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Phil Jimenez** (DC Comics Booth #1915)
- Chip Kidd** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Thursday 3-4)
- Chuck Kim**
- Kevin Kiniry** (DC Comics Booth #1915)
- Roger Klorese** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)

- Tommy Kovac** (Slave Labor Graphics Booth #1815)
- Jeff Krell** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 2-3 & Saturday 4-5)
- Michael Lovitz** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Steve MacIsaac** (Small Press Table #P13; Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Sunday 11-12)
- Andy Mangels** (Tower/BCI Eclipse Booth #4829, signs Thursday 2-4; Pocket Books Booth #932, signs Thursday 10:30-11:30)
- Lee Marrs**
- Carla Speed McNeil*** (Indy Island/Cold Cut Booth #1901)
- Ted Naifeh*** (Booth #1833)
- Ed Natcher** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Joe Phillips** (Artists Alley Table #GG-16; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Sean Platter**
- Brad Rader** (Small Press Table #P13; Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Greg Rucka*** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 4-5)
- Eric Schlegel** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 1-2)
- Bob Schreck** (DC Comics Booth #1915)
- Eric Shanower** (Hungry Tiger Press Booth #2008)
- Tony Shenton** (NBM Publishing Booth #1429)
- Gail Simone*** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Michael Troy** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Jen Van Meter*** (Prism Comics Booth #2148, signs Friday 4-5)
- Jose Villarrubia** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Armand Villavert Jr.*** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)
- Sean-Z** (Prism Comics Booth #2148)

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