

Comic Con Saturday Programming Now Online!



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The schedule for Saturday of SAN DIEGO COMIC CON has just been released...oh the goodies that are in store!!

Highlights include [Christian Bale](#) and

Terminator Salvation, Universal's The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor plus Death Race and Sony's Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, Quarantine and Pineapple Express!

Saturday, July 26

10:00-11:00 **Spirituality in Comics** —

Spiritual themes weave a significant pattern in the story arc of our comics worlds. Hear from distinguished guests **Cory Edwards** (writer/director, *Hoodwinked*, *Fraggle Rock: The Movie*), **Holly Golightly** (*School Bites*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*), **Scott Wong** (co-founder, Brethren [Entertainment](#)), and

P.C. Hamerlinck (*Alter-Ego*). Moderated by **Leo Partible** (*Behind the Screen: Insiders on Faith, Film & Culture*). **Room 2**

Categories: Comic Books

10:00-11:00 **Spotlight on Forrest J Ackerman**— The mayor of Horrorwood, Karloffornia returns to

Comic-Con after a two-year absence. The beloved Forry celebrates the 50th anniversary of his seminal movie monster magazine, *Famous Monsters of Filmland*. **Room 3**

Categories: Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Fandom | Horror and Suspense | Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy

10:00-11:30 **The Black Panel '08**— This is *not* the year to miss the Black Panel, and you know why! Featuring **Method Man** (The Wu Tang Clan), **Reggie Hudlin** (president, B.E.T.), **Denys Cowan** (B.E.T. Animation, "The Origin of [the Joker](#)"), **Rusty Cundieff** (director, *Chappelle's Show*, *Fear of a Black Hat*)

John Dokes (Marvel Comics), **Dwayne McDuffie** (Milestone Media, *Justice League*, *Ben 10*), and **Faith Cheltenham** (Tor.com). This is the definitive panel for what's up in black and hip hop culture—and what a year it has been! Look out for some surprise guests. Hosted by **Michael Davis** (*The Underground*, *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Black People, But Were Afraid to Ask*). **Room 5AB**

Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Movies | Superheroes | Television

10:00-11:00 **Marvel: Iron Man: Armored Adventures Animated Screening**— Tony Stark, heir to a billion-dollar corporation, lives a life of luxury, free to pursue his chief interests—seeking extreme thrills, solving scientific mysteries and creating mind-boggling inventions. But everything goes horribly wrong when a tragic accident robs Tony of his father and nearly costs him his own life. Now dependent on his own impressive technology for survival and dedicated to battling corruption, Tony must reconcile the pressure of teenage life with the duties of a [superhero](#). Inside his remarkable invention, Tony Stark is

geared for high-speed flight, [high-tech](#) battles and high-octane adventure! He is Iron Man. Meet **Josh Fine** (Marvel Studios), **Christopher Yost** (head writer), and others involved with this exciting new animated series and watch an [episode](#) of *Iron Man: Armored Adventures* before its Nicktoons 2009 premiere.

Room 6CDEF

Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Superheroes | Television

<p>Matthew Marsden talks TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN</p>	<p>10:00-11:00 Nickelodeon's <i>The Fairly Odd Parents: Past, Present, and Future</i>— Help celebrate the 7 years of <i>Fairly OddParents</i> magic, as creator Butch Hartman (<i>Danny Phantom</i>), co-executive producer and story editor Scott Fellows (<i>Johnny Test</i>), and writer Kevin Sullivan (<i>Danny Phantom</i>) share some of their favorite moments from the past—and give you an inside look at the future of the series! You'll also be treated to an exciting live table-read performed by the stars of the show: voice of Timmy, Tara Strong; voice of Cosmo, Daran Norris; voice of Wanda, Susanne Blakeslee; and voice of Mark Chang, Rob Paulsen. Moderated by Rich Magallanes, executive director for Nickelodeon. Room 7AB Categories: Animation Humor & Satire Kids Television</p>
<p>High School Musical 3: Senior Year Trailer Hits VIDEO: Michael Caine on THE DARK KNIGHT</p>	<p>10:00-11:00 Looking at Our World: Eye on the Future— Speculative fiction authors discuss shaping the future through their fiction and shaping their fiction to the future. Panelists include Robert J. Sawyer (<i>Rollback</i>), Ann Aguirre (<i>Grimspace</i>), Tobias S. Buckell (<i>Ragamuffin</i>), William C. Dietz (<i>When All Seems Lost</i>), Alan Dean Foster (author of more than 100 books), Charles Stross (<i>Saturn's Children</i>), and John Zakour (<i>Dangerous Dames</i>). Moderated by MaryElizabeth Hart of Mysterious Galaxy. Room 8 Categories: Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers & Writing</p>
<p>Set Visit Preview: Who Watches the WATCHMEN? IESB Does!</p>	<p>10:00-11:00 Emerging LGBT Voices— Prism Comics, the nonprofit organization that supports LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) comics, creators, and readers, also actively encourages and supports the movers and shakers who will shape tomorrow's comics industry. This year, Prism presents a panel of emerging LGBT comics powerhouses, including Ariel Schrag (<i>Awkwar, Definition</i>, Showtime's <i>L Word</i>), Joveth Gonzalez (editor, PinkKryptonite.com), Andy Hartzell (<i>Fox Bunny Funny, The Book of Boy Trouble</i>), Mari Morimoto (VIZ Media), Tommy Roddy (winner of the 2008 Prism grant for <i>Pride High</i>), and Rex Ogle (writer and DC Comics staff member). Room 10 Categories: Cartooning and Comic Strips Comic Books</p>
<p>VIDEO: 3 Film Clips from AMERICAN TEEN VIDEO: 5 Film Clips and 4 TV Spots from STEP BROTHERS</p>	<p>10:00-10:45 Futurama Secrets Revealed!— Join <i>Futurama</i> creator Matt Groening and executive producer David X. Cohen in a mind-blowing, jaw-dropping, fact-checking panel extravaganza! Appearing with Matt and David are series regulars Billy West (Fry, Professor Farnsworth, Dr. Zoidberg, Zapp Brannigan), Katey Sagal (Leela), John DiMaggio (Bender), and Maurice LaMarche (Kif, Morbo). And if that's not enough, enjoy color commentary from Eric Kaplan (co-executive producer, writer) and lots of insider straight dope from producer Claudia Katz and director Peter Avanzino of Rough Draft Animation. Plus, don't miss out on your chance to see the sneak peek of "Bender's Game," the all-new feature-length <i>Futurama</i> adventure, crash-landing on store shelves this November! Ballroom 20 Categories: Animation Humor & Satire Science Fiction & Fantasy Television</p>
<p>Comic Con Saturday Programming Now Online!</p>	<p>Updated! Sat, Jul 12, 10:07PM 10:00-11:30 Comics Arts Conference Session #9: Authority and the Construction of Truth: Science, Justice, and the Media— Sabrina Starnaman (University of California-San Diego) and Adam Streed (UCSD) examine how truth is constructed and power reified in Jonathan Hickman's <i>The Nightly News</i>. Matthew J. Brown (UCSD) and Adam Streed (UCSD) explore the problem of vigilante justice in <i>Watchmen</i> in the context of the relationship between state authority, legitimacy, and personal morality. Marisa Brandt (UCSD) and Evan Moreno-Davis (UCSD) assess the historical comics of Jim Ottaviani as a statement on the interplay between individual and collective authority within the scientific realm. Room 30AB Categories: Comic Arts Conference Comic Books</p>
<p>Friday Schedule Up for SAN DIEGO COMIC CON! Comic Con Sunday Programming Now Online! Production Details Plus Complete Gallery from X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE!</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Comic Book Law School 303: Let's Make Lots of Money!— Noted attorney Michael Lovitz, author of the sold-out <i>The Trademark and Copyright Book</i> comic book, covers 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 agreements, and what to do when Hollywood comes knocking. This interactive seminar gives attendees the opportunity to participate in the discussions as Lovitz covers various means for profiting from your creations and discuss important elements that form the foundation of every contract (and time permitting, maybe participate in a mock contract negotiation). With in-depth discussions about the options and opportunities for profit, as well as the problems and pitfalls that go hand in hand with each decision, you can't afford to miss this seminar. <i>Note: The Comic Book Law School seminars are designed to provide relevant information and practice tips to practicing attorneys, as well as practical tips to creators and other professionals who may wish to attend. [This program is approved for one credit of California MCLE.]</i> Room 30CDE Categories: Animation Anime & Manga Art and Illustration Cartooning and Comic Strips Comic Books Comics Law School Gaming Seminars & Workshops Writers & Writing</p>
<p>Interview: Selma Blair is Flaming Hot in Hellboy II: The Golden Army</p>	<p>10:15-11:15 Ben 10: Alien Force and The Secret Saturdays Sneak Peek— Join über-cartoon-creator-genius Glen Murakami and his crew as they discuss their hit new Cartoon Network show <i>Ben 10: Alien Force</i>. It's your chance to get the inside story on all the new alien heroes—and, of course, all the bad guys! Accompanying Glen are story editor Dwayne McDuffie and voice talents Yuri Lowenthal (Ben), Ashley Johnson (Gwen), Greg Cipes (Kevin), and Dee Bradley Baker (Aliens). And that's just half the excitement! Jay Stephens will also be on hand to talk about his mysterious and cool new show <i>The Secret Saturdays</i>. Room 6A Categories: Animation Science Fiction & Fantasy Television</p>
<p>Interview: Ron Perlman Back as the Big Red Guy In Hellboy II: The Golden Army</p>	<p>10:15-11:15 Spotlight on Ralph Bakshi— On par with such auteurs as Walt Disney, Tex Avery, Chuck Jones, and art spiegelman, Comic-Con special guest Ralph Bakshi redefined animation and became a hero to countless generations of fans and filmmakers. His name is synonymous with the great tradition of American cartooning. Bakshi is responsible for such memorable films and television shows such as <i>Fritz the Cat</i> (the first X-rated animated feature film), <i>The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse</i>, <i>Spider-Man</i>, <i>Heavy Traffic</i>, <i>Wizards</i>, <i>Cool World</i>, and <i>The Lord of the Rings</i>, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Join Ralph Bakshi for a rare, in-person appearance as he discusses his legendary career. Moderated by Jon M. Gibson and Chris McDonnell, co-authors of <i>Unfiltered: The Complete Ralph Bakshi</i>, the only book chronicling the career of one of the pioneers of animation. Room 6B Categories: Animation Art and Illustration Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances Movies Science Fiction & Fantasy Television</p>
<p>Interview: Hellboy Creator Mike Mignola Interview: Guillermo del Toro on his Favorite "Red Cabron" Hellboy!</p>	<p>10:30-11:30 DC Talent Search 3— Learn what DC Comics looks for in artists and how to improve your chances of becoming a working professional! Panelists will discuss the different needs of the DC Universe, Vertigo, WildStorm, <i>MAD</i> magazine, Minx, and Zuda. This informative orientation session will explain how DC's Talent Search works and provide numerous tips and tricks on how to improve your work and explore opportunities. In order to have your work reviewed, attendance at this orientation session is mandatory. <i>(Please note: Not all attendees are guaranteed a one-on-one review.)</i> Room 4</p>
<p>Exclusive Interview:</p>	

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 Thursday Schedule
 Plus Preview Night
 Goodies

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Seminars & Workshops

10:45-11:30 **The Simpsons**— Entering into their record setting 20th season, *The Simpsons* debuted their first feature film in July 2007, grossing over \$500 million worldwide. "The Simpsons Ride" opened in May 2008 at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida and Hollywood, California to great success. Now join the creative team behind this historic show and get the inside scoop on the upcoming season! Featuring **Matt Groening** (creator and executive producer); **Al Jean** (executive producer and head writer); **Matt Selman** (executive producer); **Michael Price** (co-executive producer); **Matt Warburton** (co-executive producer); **Don Payne** (consulting producer); **Carolyn Omine** (consulting producer); **Mike Anderson** (supervising director) and **David Silverman** movie and TV series director). **Ballroom 20**

Categories: Animation | Humor & Satire | Movies | Television

Harry Potter on The
 Dark Knight!

10:45-11:45 **Heroes: Exclusive First Look at "Villains" and Q&A with the Entire Cast, Tim Kring, and Tim Sale**— *Heroes* chronicles the lives of ordinary people who discover they possess extraordinary abilities. Watch an exclusive first look at "Chapter 3: Villains." Moderated by co-executive producer/comic book writer **Jeph Loeb**, participating in a Q&A session with creator **Tim Kring**, comic book artist **Tim Sale** (*Batman: The Long Halloween*), and the cast: **Jack Coleman** (H.R.G.), **Greg Grunberg** (Matt Parkman), **Ali Larter** (Niki Sanders), **James Kyson Lee** (Ando Masahashi), **Masi Oka** (Hiro Nakamura), **Hayden Panettiere** (Claire Bennet), **Adrian Pasdar** (Nathan Petrelli), **Zachary Quinto** (Sylar), **Sendhil Ramamurthy** (Mohinder Suresh), **Dania Ramirez** (Maya Herrera), **Cristine Rose** (Angela Petrelli), and **Milo Ventimiglia** (Peter Petrelli). **Hall H**

Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes | Television

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11:00-12:00 **Spotlight on Ethan Van Sciver**— His stunning visions of the Flash and Green Lantern have made him one of the most popular artists working in comics today. Comic-Con special guest Ethan Van Sciver talks about his work and what's next up on his drawing board. **Room 2**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Superheroes

Six New Images from
 X-FILES: I WANT TO
 BELIEVE

11:00-12:00 **IDW Publishing: Ideas and Dreams 2008**— DW publisher **Chris Ryall** presides over a superstar panel including writer Joe Hill; artists **Gabriel Rodriguez** (*Locke & Key*), **Ben Templesmith** (*Welcome to Hoxford*), and **Darwyn Cooke** (announcing a surprise new project and offering up an exclusive signature card available only at this panel); writers **Brian Lynch** (*Angel: After the Fall*), **Steve Niles** (*Epilogue*), **Rick Remender** (*Legion of the Supernatural*), and **David Lapham**; actors **Shawnee Smith** and **Ken Foree**; IDW special projects editor **Scott Dunbier**, and others. And they all guarantee at least a few surprise announcements of things to come! **Room 3**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Writers & Writing

11:00-12:00 **Watching the Watchmen**— Author and artist **Dave Gibbons** (*Watchmen*) and *Entertainment Weekly* writer **Jeff Jensen** discuss the hugely anticipated *Watching the Watchmen* with the book's designers **Chip Kidd** (*Mythology*, *Jurassic Park*, *Batman Collected*) and **Mike Essl**. Hear Dave Gibbons' account of the genesis of *Watchmen* in this exclusive interview and Q&A session! Includes a presentation of rare material from the upcoming book. **Room TAB**

Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes | Writers & Writing

11:00-12:00 **Hellboy**— **Mike Mignola** (*Hellboy*) and his long-suffering editor **Scott Allie** are joined by **Josh Dysart** (*BPRD 1946*) to talk and answer questions about recent events in the Hellboy books, the future direction of the series, and the first new comic Mike's drawn in three years. Also, an announcement about the newest artists to join the team. **Room 8**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Horror and Suspense | Humor & Satire | Superheroes

11:00-12:00 **50th Anniversary Famous Monsters**— It's a celebration of your favorite movie monster magazine! *Famous Monsters of Filmland* started in 1958, spiraling out of the huge interest in classic monster movies being shown on TV to a brand new audience. Editor/writer Forrester J Ackerman, who gave *FM* much of its charm and wit with his "punny" style of writing and amazing collection of photos and anecdotes, joins publisher James Warren, and Hollywood makeup artist Verne Langdon—whose incredible masks were a staple of *FM*'s "company store," Captain Company, in the back of each issue—to talk about this big anniversary. Moderated by **Phil Kim**. **Room 10**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Costuming |

Fandom | Horror and Suspense | Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Writers & Writing

11:15-12:30 **Quick Draw!**— It's the battle of the cartoonists, featuring the one artist who may be the match for the reigning champs! Join Sergio Aragonés (the world's fastest cartoonist), the quick-witted and quicker-penned **Scott Shaw!**, and the new kid, editorial and syndicated cartoonist Mike Peters (*Mother Goose and Grimm*), as they place their pens to paper to do their fastest, most clever work, while you watch them draw on the big screen. Host Mark Evanier puts them through their paces in one of Comic-Con's most popular annual events. **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Humor & Satire

11:30-12:30 **Sam & Max, Strong Bad, and the Secrets Behind Turning Comics into Games**— *Sam & Max* may have their roots in indy comics, but the crime-fighting duo is right at home starring in a successful series of episodic games. The cast of the popular Homestarrunner.com web cartoons are following suit this summer in *Strong Bad's Cool Game for Attractive People*. Why do comics make for such great games? Telltale designers **Mark Darin**, **Chuck Jordan**, and **Mike Stemmler**, artist **Mai Nguyen**, and *Sam & Max* creator Steve Purcell will tell you all about the fun (and work) of bringing comics to life. Plus, get a first look at a third, completely new episodic game series! **Room 4**

Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Gaming |

Webcomics

11:30-12:30 **B.E.T. Animation**— Don't get up, it's time for the second part of the "Black" block! Panelists include **Reggie Hudlin** (president, B.E.T.), **Denys Cowan** (senior V.P., B.E.T. Animation), **Eric Rollman** (president, Marvel Animation), **Cort Lane** (Marvel Animation), **John Romita Jr.** (way too many credits!) and some surprise guests who you will not want to miss. *The Black Panther* announcement was just the beginning... **Room 5AB**

Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Superheroes | Television

11:30-12:30 **Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles Screening and Q&A**— Back for a second year at Comic-Con, the producers and stars of this hit action-adventure drama will debut the trailer for season two and answer questions from fans during this one-hour session. Executive producers **Josh Friedman** (*War of the Worlds*), **John Wirth** (*The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.*) and **James Middleton** (*Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*) will be joined by returning series stars **Lena Headey** (*300*), **Thomas Dekker** (*Heroes*), **Summer Glau** (*Serenity*), **Brian Austin Green** (*Beverly Hills, 90210*) and **Richard T. Jones** (*Event Horizon*), as well as new series regulars **Garret Dillahunt** (*No Country for Old Men*) and musician **Shirley Manson** (Garbage). Produced by C2 Pictures in association with Warner Bros. Television, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles* returns for a second season September 8 and airs Mondays at 8:00 PM ET/PT on FOX. **Room 6A**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

11:30-12:30 **Image Comics/Tori Amos**— 17 years ago, history was made at Comic-Con, when a kid gave Neil Gaiman a tape of her music. Now, indie music icon and multiplatinum recording artist **Tori Amos** comes to Comic-Con to talk about *Comic Book Tattoo*, the new 480-page coffee-table-format anthology from Image Comics containing over 50 stories based on songs and music from her entire discography. Tori is joined by project editor **Rantz Hoseley**, as well as some of the contributing creators, including **David Mack**, **Elizabeth Genco**, **Ted McKeever**, and **Kelly Sue DeConnick**. Seating is limited, so be there early to hear Tori, the panel, and moderator **Douglas Wolk** talk about the long journey that resulted in one of the most exciting comics projects of the decade! **Room 6B**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books

Updated!

Sat, Jul 12, 10:09PM 11:30-1:00 **Comics Arts Conference Session #10: Reinventing the Superhero**— **Charles Hatfield** (CSU-Northridge) analyzes the tension between domestic storytelling and the technological sublime in Kirby and Lee's *Fantastic Four*. **Dana Anderson** (Maine Maritime Academy) examines how the popularity of the X-Men reflects an archetypal need for a reinvocation of mythic ideals of the Romantic Period. **Seth Blazer** (University of Florida) investigates the popularity of the superhero on the silver screen in the post-9/11 ideological marketplace. **Room 30AB**

Categories: Comic Arts Conference | Comic Books | Superheroes

11:30-12:30 **Spotlight on Matt Busch with Drawing Demo**— Notorious artist Matt Busch (*Star Wars*) spills a plethora of secrets on both drawing and how to break into the business. You can expect a brand new episode of *How To Draw Star Wars* to be shown, a look at *The Worlds of Matt Busch* art book, and some exclusive videos that go behind the scenes. Director **Tracy Wayne** (*How To Draw Star Wars*) will be joining Matt for a Q&A session, with other surprises planned! **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Movies | Science

Fiction & Fantasy

11:45-12:45 **Spotlight on Dean Koontz**— Dean Koontz (*In Odd We Trust*) has had 48 novels on the *New York Times* bestseller lists, many in the number one position, and has been published in 36 languages. Find out more about what makes him tick in this talk and Q&A session. **Ballroom 20**

Categories: Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Horror and Suspense | Humor & Satire

| Science Fiction & Fantasy | Writers & Writing

12:00-1:00 **Dark Horse Comics**— Dark Horse director of publicity **Jeremy Atkins** and a host of Dark Horse editors and creators present a firsthand look at the future of comics. You will be given insight into the next chapter of the breakout hit series *The Umbrella Academy*, as well as a look at what the future holds for all of your other favorite series and characters. With exciting announcements and surprise guests, you won't want to be anywhere else. **Room 2**

Categories: Comic Books

12:00-1:00 **Spotlight on John Howe**— Join acclaimed fantasy artist John Howe for an amazing look at his career, including never-before-seen concept artwork from *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy and a Q&A session. **Room 3**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Science Fiction &

Fantasy

12:00-1:00 **Hasbro: Transformers**— **Aaron Archer** and **Jared Wade** (Hasbro Design), and **Michael Ballog** and **Jared Jones** (Hasbro Marketing) present all the latest toys from the new Transformers Animated and Transformers Universe toy lines. See a sneak peek into what Hasbro is doing to celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Transformers* in 2009! **Room 7AB**

Categories: Action Figures, Toys and Collectibles | Animation | Science Fiction & Fantasy

12:00-1:00 **Spotlight on Howard Chaykin**— One of the most popular writer/artists in comics celebrates the 25th anniversary of his signature creation, *American Flagg!* Comic-Con special guest Howard Chaykin discusses his career in comics and can be counted on to be candid in his views on comics and the industry. **Room 8**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Superheroes |

Television | Writers & Writing

12:00-1:00 **The Writers Room: Writing Prime Time Animated Comedy**— Join real live prime time animation writers as they recreate a TV animation rewrite room. Jokes will be "pitched," stories will be "broken," and lunch will be "ordered". Panelists: **Eric Kaplan** (*Futurama*, *Malcolm in the Middle*), **Opus Moreschi** (*Li'l Bush*), **Dan McGrath** (*King of the Hill*, *The Simpsons*), **Bill Freiberger** (*Drawn Together*, *The Simpsons*), **Maiya Williams** (*The PJs*, *Mad TV*), and **Carolyn Omine** (*The Simpsons*). Moderated by **Patric M. Verrone** (*Futurama*, *The Simpsons*). **Room 10**

Categories: Animation | Humor & Satire | Television | Writers & Writing

12:00-1:00 **Steampunk Fan Group Meet-up**— Do you hunger for a past that never was? If your gears are turned by the speculative future of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, Neo-Victorian, steam, and clockwork then this is the place for you. Participants will be discussing the Steampunk aesthetic. Meet others, share projects and ideas, and discuss this exciting and beautiful culture! **Room 24A**

Categories: Costuming | Fandom | Science Fiction & Fantasy

12:00-1:00 **Lost**— If the most recent season finale was any indication of things to come, you will not want to miss this panel. Co-creator/executive producer **Damon Lindelof** and executive producer **Carlton Cuse** will discuss season 4 of *Lost*, leading up to the season finale. They will answer your questions and maybe

even offer up some surprises of their own. **Hall H**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

12:30-1:30 **Spotlight on Rutu Modan**—Rutu Modan exploded into North American comics with her 2007 graphic novel *Exit Wounds* which immediately made her one of the top literary cartoonists from around the world. A portrait of modern Israel, a place where sudden death mingles with the slow dissolution of family ties, *Exit Wounds* was selected by *Entertainment Weekly* as the best comic of 2007 and made countless "best of" lists. At this program, Modan will visually present how she made the book and her comics with an engaging slide show that focuses on both *Exit Wounds* and her new short story collection *Jamiliti*. **Room 4**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Writers & Writing

12:30-1:30 **ABC Family's Kyle XY: Q&A with the Cast and Producer and First Look at Season Three**—*Kyle XY* actors **Matt Dallas** (*Babysitter Wanted*) and **Jaimie Alexander** (*Rest Stop*) and producer **Julie Plec** (*Scream 3*) give fans a sneak peek at the exciting new season, in which lives are saved, secrets are exposed, and hearts are broken, as Kyle discovers that being a hero doesn't come without a price. **Room 5AB**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

12:30-2:00 **Cartoon Voices I**—It's the first of two gatherings this weekend of actors who lend their voices to animation, as they discuss and demonstrate their craft. Co-hosts Mark Evanier and **Earl Kress** welcome **Jason Marsden** (*Fairly OddParents*, *Loonatics Unleashed*), **Wally Wingert** (*The Garfield Show*, *Family Guy*), **Phil LaMarr** (*Justice League*, *Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends*), **Alicyn Packard** (*The Mr. Men Show*, *World of Warcraft*), TV legend **Chuck McCann**, **Tom Kenny** (*SpongeBob SquarePants*), and a few surprises. **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Animation | Anime & Manga | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Television

12:30-1:30 **The Role of Anatomy in Training Master Artists**—**Marshall Vandruff** shows how great comic and fantasy artists such as Wally Wood, Jack Davis, and Frank Frazetta learned anatomy before they were able to draw convincing figures from imagination. He'll show how the teachings and drawings of George Bridgman from the early 20th century continue to influence today's artists who want to master the human form. This is the first session of the Crash-Course in Artistic Anatomy that Marshall is teaching at The Art Institutes of California (San Diego and Orange County), beginning next weekend. **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Seminars & Workshops

12:45-1:45 **Exclusive Q&A with the writers of The Office**—Meet the writers of the EmmyAward-winning comedy *The Office* and hear them talk about their favorite episodes, characters, and fun behind-the-scenes stories. Moderated by cast member **Rainn Wilson** (Dwight Schrute), panelists include executive producer/showrunner **Greg Daniels** (*The Simpsons*) and writers **Jennifer Celotta** (*Andy Richter Controls the Universe*), **Michael Schur** (*Saturday Night Live*), **B.J. Novak**, **Lester Lewis** (*The Larry Sanders Show*), **Gene Stupnitsky** (*Year One*), **Lee Eisenberg** (*Year One*), **Mindy Kaling** (*Matt and Ben*), **Justin Spitzer** (*Scrubs*), **Ryan Koh** (various commercials), and **Anthony Ferrell** (*The Audacity*). **Room 6A**

Categories: Humor & Satire | Television | Writers & Writing

12:45-2:00 **DC: A Guide to Your Universe**—**Dan DiDio** (senior VP/executive editor, DCU), **Jann Jones** (senior coordinating editor, DCU), and **Ian Sattler** (senior story editor, DCU), and countless DCU talent gather for a panel that's not to be missed. Now that the *Final Crisis* is upon us, what lies ahead for your favorite heroes? Join **Keith Giffen** (*Reign in Hell*, *Ambush Bug: Year None*), **Geoff Johns** (*Action Comics*, *Green Lantern*), **Aaron Lopresti** (*Wonder Woman*), **Brad Meltzer** (*DCU: Last Will and Testament*), **Grant Morrison** (*Batman*, *Final Crisis*), **Gail Simone** (*Wonder Woman*), **Phillip Tan** (*Final Crisis: Revelations*), **Peter Tomasi** (*Green Lantern Corps*), **Judd Winick** (*Titans*), and others to get the answers. **Room 6B**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances

1:00-2:00 **Aspen Comics in 2008 and Beyond**—Join the Aspen Comics team of creators and artists as they highlight the upcoming Aspen products debuting in 2008 and beyond! Catch an exclusive glimpse of all the new Aspen Comics titles including *Fathom*, *Souffire*, *Shrugged*, *Executive Assistant: Iris* and much much more! Featuring **Peter Steigerwald** (*Souffire*), **Ale Garza** (*Fathom*), **Micah Gunnell** (*Shrugged*), **JT Krul** (*Souffire*, *Fathom*), **Vince Hernandez** (*Souffire: Shadow Magic*), **Beth Sotelo** (*Souffire*), **Mark Roslan** (everything), **David Wohl** (*Executive Assistant: Iris*), and hosted by **Frank Mastromauro** (*Shrugged*). The Aspen crew will answer all your questions Aspen-related in a special Q&A session, so don't miss your chance to meet and greet with Aspen's finest. All fans in attendance will receive a gift courtesy of Aspen Comics. **Room 2**

Categories: Comic Books | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Superheroes

1:00-2:00 **Diamond Select Toys: Minimates**—Join Diamond Select Toys' director **Chuck Terceira** and the rest of the Minimate creators for a glimpse of what's to come for the number one block figure brand in the world. Ask you questions, make your requests and get a sneak peek at future Minimate designs! **Room 3**

Categories: Action Figures, Toys and Collectibles

1:00-2:00 **Will Eisner Tribute**—A tribute to and panel discussion about legendary artist, cartoonist, educator, and entrepreneur **Will Eisner**, who played an important role in the growth of comics and sequential art from the Golden Age of Comics through the acceptance and dynamic growth of the graphic novel. Panelists include **Michael Uslan** (producer, *Batman*, *The Spirit*), **Paul Levitz** (publisher and president, DC Comics), **Denis Kitchen** (cartoonist, publisher, Eisner's agent), **Carl Gropper** (Eisner's nephew), **Jon B. Cooke** (editor, *Comic Book Artist*, educator), and **Andrew D. Cooke** (director/producer of *Will Eisner: Portrait of a Sequential Artist*). **Room 8**

Categories: Comic Books

1:00-2:00 **Dollhouse**—When news broke that **Joss Whedon** was returning to television with a vehicle for "Buffy" alum **Eliza Dushku**, legions of fans around the world rejoiced. Although most will have to wait until January to learn more about the exciting new project, Comic-Con fans will hear it straight from Joss and Eliza in person! **Ballroom 20**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

1:00-2:00 **Podcasting Superheroes: The 10th Wonder and House of El Podcasts**—Join hosts **Derek Russell** and **Graham Hancock** of the popular *Starkville House of El* (*Smallville*) and *10th Wonder* (*Heroes*) podcasts for a discussion and Q&A session about producing fan-created podcasts and managing online communities. **Room 24A**

Categories: Comic Books | Webcomics

Updated!

Sat, Jul 12, 10:11PM 1:00-2:00 **Comics Arts Conference Session #11: Twomorrows Publishing and The Academic Community**— TwoMorrows Publishing is known for celebrating the art and history of comics, and the company has been making inroads into the academic community with its line of "how-to" books, magazines, and DVDs. Now, you can have your chance to hear, and to participate in, a dialogue with TwoMorrows to find out how to strengthen the relationship between the publisher and the academic community. What TM publications do you feel speak to you and your students, and what educational niches do you see that TwoMorrows can fill for the academic world? Publisher **John Morrow**, **Danny Fingerroth** (*Write Now!*) represent Twomorrows in this freewheeling exchange of ideas. **Peter Coogan** (institute for comics studies) speaks from the academic viewpoint. And **Durwin Talon** (*Panel Discussions*, Savannah College of Art and Design), and **John Lowe** (*Working Methods*, Savannah College of Art and Design) have a foot in both worlds. Q&A to follow. **Room 30AB**

Categories: Comic Arts Conference | Comic Books

1:15-2:00 **Spotlight on Tite Kubo**— VIZ Media welcomes prolific manga (graphic novel) creator **Tite Kubo** for a series of rare in-person appearance. Mr. Kubo is the creator of the wildly successful manga series *Bleach* and *ZOMBIEPOWDER*. Both series are published domestically by VIZ Media, and *Bleach* is currently serialized in *Shonen Jump*. This is the first time the artist will appear at a North American convention. Mr. Kubo, along with his editor, Mr. **Atsushi Nakasaki**, will provide insight regarding his past, current, and future projects. **Room 7AB**

Categories: Animation | Anime & Manga

1:15-2:00 **Warner Bros.: Terminator Salvation**— In the highly anticipated new installment of *The Terminator* film franchise, set in post-apocalyptic 2018, Christian Bale stars as John Connor, the man fated to lead the human resistance against Skynet and its army of Terminators. But the future Connor was raised to believe in has been altered in part by the appearance of Marcus Wright (Sam Worthington), a stranger whose last memory is of being on death row. Connor must decide whether Marcus has been sent from the future or rescued from the past. As Skynet prepares its final onslaught, Connor and Marcus both embark on an odyssey that takes them into the heart of Skynet's operations, where they uncover the terrible secret behind the possible annihilation of mankind. **Hall H**

Categories: Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy

1:30-2:30 **Comic Book Law School Afterschool Special: Gone But Not Forgotten!**— Welcome to a very special episode of Comic Book Law School, as panelists explore the world of public domain, orphan works, and the loss of rights under U.S. intellectual property laws. In recent years, publishers have uncovered the comic book equivalent to the elephants' graveyard—characters long thought expired suddenly rising from ashes, spruced up and offered to the modern world. Trademarks abandoned or expired are now claimed by newcomers. The right of revocation places a cloud over previously clear ownership of intellectual property rights. Through the Orphan Works bill Congress has made a renewed attempt to provide guidance on works whose creators can't be identified: the ever-present, and often misunderstood, fair use doctrine. A panel of attorneys—**David Branfman**, **Alexander Harwin**, and **David Lizerbram**—join moderator **Michael Lovitz** to shed light on these cutting edge issues facing companies and creators and discuss the impact on the creative community of recent decisions and pending legislation in these areas. *Note: The Comic Book Law School seminars are designed to provide relevant information and practice tips to practicing attorneys, as well as practical tips to creators and other professionals who may wish to attend. [This program is approved for one credit of California MCLE.] Room 4*

Categories: Comic Books | Comics Law School | Writers & Writing

1:30-2:30 **Things That Go Bump**— Monsters and haunts continue to fascinate authors and readers alike.

Authors who'll be talking about these supernatural themes include Joe Hill (*Heart-Shaped Box*), Max Brooks (*World War Z*, *The Zombie Survival Guide*), **Adrienne Barbeau** (*Vampyres of Hollywood*), **Chris Marie Green** (Vampire Babylon novels), **Jeffrey J. Mariotte** (*River Runs Red*), and **Natasha Rhodes** (*Dante's Girl*). Moderated by **Maryelizabeth Hart** of Mysterious Galaxy. **Room 5AB**

Categories: Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Horror and Suspense | Science Fiction

& Fantasy | Writers & Writing

1:30-2:30 **SLG Publishing**— SLG publisher and president **Dan Vado** discusses current and upcoming projects from SLG/Amaze Ink. Gargoyles writer **Greg Weisman** will be on hand to discuss his two new upcoming non-*Gargoyles* projects. Other creators attending are to be announced. **Room 10**

Categories: Comic Books

1:30-2:30 **Writing 101: Creating Characters**— **Marv Wolfman** has been writing comics for more than 40 years and has created such legendary characters as Blade, Bullseye, Black Cat, The New Teen Titans, Deathstroke The Terminator, and hundreds more. As he's done for the past four Comic-Cons, Marv conducts his personal writing seminar, this year discussing the art of creating characters. There will be time available for Q&A. **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes | Writers & Writing

2:00-3:00 **Warhammer Online**— How do you take an entire universe with years of rich storytelling behind it and transfer it seamlessly—and in a compelling way!—to a new medium? EA Mythic's *Warhammer Online: Age of Reckoning* is giving the online gaming treatment to the celebrated Warhammer universe, and creative director **Paul Barnett** will talk about the challenges involved with satisfying the legion of Warhammer die-hards while also providing a solid and unique experience to MMORPG veterans. **Room 2**

Categories: Gaming

2:00-3:00 **Attack of the Show!**— *Attack of the Show!* is G4's irreverent interactive daily live "variety" show that paves the inside track to today's entertainment, technology and pop culture. Hosts **Kevin Pereira**, **Olivia Munn**, comic book expert **Blair Butler** and show producers give fans a rare opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at how this show brings tech-obsessed viewers all the up-to-the-minute news on Internet culture, technology, comic books, gadgets, live events and more. Get a glimpse of a day in the life of a daily tech show. **Room 3**

Categories: Comic Books | Fandom | Gaming | Movies | Television | Webcomics

2:00-3:00 **Comics: Across Every Medium**— **Paul Feig** (creator of *Freaks & Geeks*), **David Goyer** (*Batman Begins*), **Chip Kidd** (*The Learners*), **Whitney Matheson** (*USA Today's* Pop Candy blog), and **Brad Meltzer** (*The Book of Lies*) are five superstars who make headlines in television, film, the graphic arts, journalism, and novels. But they all have comics in common. This isn't just a trend. Join them for a discussion on the influence comics play in their work. It'll be like a 21st century *Breakfast Club*—but with better references. Moderated by audiobook master **Scott Brick** (*The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant*). **Room 6A**

Categories: Comic Books | Movies | Television | Writers & Writing

2:00-3:00 **Spotlight on Bryan Hitch**— Superstar penciller Bryan Hitch, the artist with the wide-screen movie style, talks about his work on titles such as *The Ultimates* and *Fantastic Four*, plus his design work on *Doctor Who* and *Star Trek 2009*. **Room 7AB**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Science Fiction & Fantasy

2:00-3:00 **Lettering Roundtable**— Lettering is the invisible art's invisible art—a crucial element of comics that often tries not to call attention to itself. Potentates of penmanship, including 14-time Best Lettering Eisner Award winner Todd Klein (*Fables*), **John Roshell** (*Astro City*), **Tom Orzechowski** (*Spawn*), and others will discuss what's new and what's constant in the world of drawing words with moderator **Douglas Wolk** (*Reading Comics*). **Room 8**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances

2:00-3:00 **Customizing Action Figure Fan Group**— Join a group of customizers that includes toy industry professionals **Justin Aclin** (editor, *Toyfare*), **Matt Doughty** (Onell Design), **Jesse DeStasio** (Mezco Toyz), **Eddie Wires** (prototype painter for Marvel Legends), and **Robert Torres** (freelance mold maker, formerly of Art Asylum). From action figures to urban vinyl, all will be discussed. Pick their brains and get advice on how to take your customs to the next level. They will have their creations on display so bring your work as well, all scales, skill levels, all ages, all lines. Moderated by Jazwares art director and customizer **Joe Amaro**. **Room 24A**

Categories: Action Figures, Toys and Collectibles | Fandom | Seminars & Workshops

Updated!

Sat, Jul 12, 10:14PM 2:00-3:30 **Comics Arts Conference Session #12: Poster Session**— Want to go in depth with a comics scholar? On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the PowerPoint presentations of the poster presenters will be available to read in printed "poster books" and then the scholars will be present at the poster session to discuss their presentations in small-group and one-on-one discussions.

Dave Chow (College for Creative Studies) argues for the importance of a post-secondary education for the visual artist. **Anne Hoyer** (University of Heidelberg) traces the linguistic and thematic changes of the popular Scottish comic strip *Oor Wullie*. **Anita McDaniel** (University of North Carolina-Wilmington) traces the effect of female creators on the superhero genre, both on the page and behind the pen. **Clayton Moore** (Apple Valley Unified School District) responds to the death of Captain America and the New Gods from a creator's rights perspective. **Jarod Shurtleff** (Henderson State University) examines the thematic loss of humanity among zombie fighters in Robert Kirkham's series *The Walking Dead*.

Geek Chic poster panel: Kom Konyosying (University of Oregon) analyzes the role of the geek as melodramatic hero in Charles Burns' *Black Hole*, R. Crumb's *My Troubles with Women*, and Chris Ware's *Jimmy Corrigan*; and **Carter Soles** (University of Oregon) argues that Kevin Smith's "dueling personas" of unapologetic comic book fan and aspiring cinematic artist have always worked together harmoniously to advance his career in both mediums.

Comics and Psychology poster panel: A group of students from Henderson State University explore the psychology of comic book characters, including the Martian Manhunter, Batman, the Winter Soldier, Jamie Madrox, Warren Ellis' protagonists, and others; **Erica Ash**, **Tommy Cash**, **Carly L. Cate**, **Mark Head**, **Nick Langley**, **Robert O'Nale**, **Justin Poole**, **Thomas Sepe**, and **Nicholas Ward** present.

Room 30AB

Categories: Art and Illustration | Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic Arts Conference | Comic Books | Superheroes

2:15-3:15 **Grant Morrison and Gerard Way: Born Under a Black Sun**— **Grant Morrison** (*The Invisibles*) and **Gerard Way** (*The Umbrella Academy*) discuss death, death, and everything: comics, culture, the war on youth, and how you can fight back. This panel will change your life! **Room 6B**

Categories: Comic Books | Writers & Writing

2:15-3:15 **A Look Back and Forward at DC Universe Animated Original Movies**— From the heralded premiere of *Superman Doomsday* through the unparalleled launch of *Justice League: The New Frontier* and the blockbuster release of *Batman Gotham Knight*, the DC Universe animated original movies have ignited a new passion for comic book fare within the made-for-DVD realm. DC Comics, Warner Premiere, Warner Home Video, and Warner Bros. Animation presents the creative forces behind these acclaimed films for a glance back at their resounding success, and the inside scoop on future DCU releases—including a Comic-Con exclusive first look at the next film in this exciting series! DC Comics senior VP—creative affairs **Gregory Noveck** moderates a panel that includes DC Comics president and publisher **Paul Levitz**, DCU films executive producer **Bruce Timm**, director **Lauren Montgomery** (*Superman Doomsday*), voice director **Andrea Romano** and, quite possibly, members of the voice talent behind the next superhero to grace the animated screen—in full color (well, at least red, white, and blue)! **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Movies | Superheroes

2:15-3:15 **Battlestar Galactica**— Last year, *Battlestar Galactica* took San Diego by storm. Now the best show on television returns to Comic-Con for a panel filled with excitement, laughter, and a sneak peek into the final revelation. Focusing on the character relationships that give this hit series its power, this exclusive panel sheds new light on the ties between Humans and Cylons and provides valuable insight into the adventure ahead. Panelists include cast members **Tricia Helfer**, **James Callis**, **Michael Trucco**, and **Katee Sackhoff** and executive producers **Ronald D. Moore** and **David Eick**, along with moderator **Kevin Smith**. **Ballroom 20**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

2:30-3:30 **Dawn of War II and Deadly Creatures**— From concept art to video games. Explore the richness of the *Warhammer 40,000* universe and the inspiration behind *Dawn of War II* with Relic Entertainment's lead designer, **Jonny Ebbert**, and producer **Mark Noseworthy**. Rainbow Studios' art director **Brent Ashe** and concept artist **Andre Kirk** take you through the creepy concepts, art direction, and twisted innovation of *Deadly Creatures*. **Room 4**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Gaming

2:30-3:30 **Scott Shaw: Oddball Comics**— Now regularly seen in the pages of *Geek Monthly*, cartoonist

Scott Shaw! (*Captain Carrot and the Final Ark*, *Bart Simpson Comics*) brings back his ever-popular digital slide show featuring "the craziest comic books ever published!" This year, Scott celebrates *Herbie, The Fat Fury*, now back in print from Dark Horse! See why Stan Lee said, "Wow, True Believers, I thought I'd seen it all, but Scott Shaw's hysterically hilarious Oddball Comics is the wildest, wackiest exposé of some of the craziest comic books I've ever seen! Or, to put it mildly, Scott's outrageous opuses are a blast, blast, blast!" [Okay, so I added those last two "blasts." —SS!] **Room 5AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Fandom | Humor & Satire

2:30-3:30 **Del Rey Manga**— Join **Hiro Mashima** (*Fairy Tail*), **Dallas Middaugh** (associate publisher, Del Rey Manga), and **Mutsumi Miyazaki** (director of licensing and acquisitions, Del Rey Manga), for a conversation on Mashima-sensei's latest creation, *Fairy Tail*. **Room 10**

Categories: Anime & Manga | Comic Books

2:30-4:00 **Painting Dynamic Portraits: Demonstration from Life**— Nationally renowned portrait painter and fine artist Jeff Watts demonstrates oil portrait painting from a live portrait model. Jeff will discuss technique, methods and procedures as he demonstrates. A great program for anyone looking to work on furthering their skills and those who want to know more about where to obtain the strong fundamentals essential to becoming a working professional artist. **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Seminars & Workshops

2:30-3:30 **Disney Pixar: Bolt and UP**—

For superdog **Bolt**, every day is filled with adventure, danger and intrigue, at least until the cameras stop rolling. Be the first to see exclusive animation as directors **Chris Williams** and **Byron Howard** present the new 3D comedy-adventure from Walt Disney Animation Studios!

Then it's **UP**: From the inventive storytellers that have taken you into the worlds of space, toys, and superheroes comes the extraordinary adventure that will take you to a lost world where anything can happen, and everything will. Meet director **Peter Docter** (*Monsters, Inc.*) as he presents the first-ever look at Disney Pixar's new animated 3D adventure comedy, **UP**.

Hall H

Categories: Animation | Kids | Movies

3:00-4:00 **Top Cow: Herd It Through the Bo-Vine**— Members of the Top Cow Editorial staff and special guests will be on hand to discuss *Pilot Season 2008*, *Broken Trinity*, the *Witchblade* movie, *The Darkness*, and other exciting, upcoming projects. Panelists include **Marc Silvestri** (*Cyberforce*); **Seth Green** and **Hugh Sterbakov** (*Freshmen*); **Ron Marz** and **Stjepan Sejic** (*Witchblade*); **Phil Hester** and **Michael Broussard** (*The Darkness*); **William Harms** (*Bad Mojo*), who will discuss his new Top Cow book, *Impaler*; and **Randy Queen** (*Darkchylde*), who will talk about his new series, *Starfall*. All attendees will receive a ticket for a special *Freshmen* signing with **Seth Green** and **Hugh Sterbakov** at the Top Cow Booth (#2329) after this program. **Room 2**

Categories: Comic Books | Movies

3:00-4:00 **The Launch of Abrams ComicArts**— Abrams, the premiere art book publisher, debuts its launch of a new comics imprint, Abrams ComicArts. The panel consists of authors and representatives of each book on the initial list, including **Jaime Hernandez** (creator of *Love and Rockets*), **Jordan Crane** (designer), **Craig Yoe** (*The Art of Mickey Mouse*), **Denis Kitchen** (cartoonist, writer, editor, publisher), **Nellie Kurtzman** (daughter of Harvey Kurtzman), **Brian Fies** (*Mom's Cancer*), and **Charles Kochman** (senior editor, Abrams ComicArts) and will include a slide show and Q&A. **Room 3**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic Books

3:00-4:00 **Vertigo Voices Fables Forum**— It's the *Fables* forum with extras: Featuring the creators behind *Fables*, *Jack of Fables*, and *House of Mystery*: Vertigo group editor **Shelly Bond** is joined by Bill Willingham, **Mark Buckingham**, and **Matthew Sturges**. It's a Q&A unlike any other, where you'd better come armed with your best questions, because all of the panelists are sure to be feeling giddy and very candid by day three of the big show. **Room 7AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Science Fiction & Fantasy

3:00-4:30 **MAD in the '60s**— Comic-Con special guests Sergio Aragonés, Al Feldstein, and Al Jaffee join Mark Evanier for this free-wheeling discussion about the go-go years of one of America's biggest publishing success stories, the one and only—but often imitated—*MAD* magazine! **Room 8**

Categories: Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Humor & Satire | Writers & Writing

3:00-4:00 **Little Lulu Fan Group**— One of the most memorable kids' comics ever created, *Little Lulu* has generated a fan following around the world. Learn more about this classic comics character, and other works of the great John Stanley, and join in for the annual reading of a Golden Age *Little Lulu* story. All are welcome! **Room 24A**

Categories: Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic Books | Fandom | Kids

3:15-4:15 **Pushing Daisies Screening and Q&A**— The cast and producers of the Golden Globe Award-nominated *Pushing Daisies* return to Comic-Con for a special screening of exclusive clips from the acclaimed show's upcoming season, highlights from the first season and a Q&A with fans. Stars **Lee Pace** (*The Fall*), **Anna Friel** (*Land of the Lost*), **Chi McBride** (*Boston Public*), **Ellen Greene** (*Little Shop of Horrors*), **Swoosie Kurtz** (*Superman Doomsday*), and **Kristin Chenoweth** (*The West Wing*) join executive producer/creator **Bryan Fuller** (*Heroes*) and executive producers **Dan Jinks** (*American Beauty*) and **Peter Ocko** (*Dead Like Me*) for the session, to be moderated by special guest and executive producer **Barry Sonnenfeld** (*Men in Black*). From Living Dead Guy Productions, The Jinks/Cohen Company in association with Warner Bros. Television, *Pushing Daisies* airs Wednesdays at 8:00 PM on the ABC Television Network. **Room 6A**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

3:30-4:30 **Spotlight on Joe Staton**— In this show-and-tell with Q&A, writer Mike W. Barr (*The Outsiders*) talks with fellow Comic-Con special guest, artist Joe Staton about Joe's nearly 40-year career, including his

current project *Femme Noir*, his co-creation of *E-Man*, and lots of other stuff, including *Hulk*, *JSA*, *LSH*, *GL*, *Guy Gardner*, *Batman*, *Huntress*, those 100 issues of *Scooby Doo*, and the "New Look" *Jughead*. **Room 4**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Superheroes

3:30-4:30 **Xbox Creators' Showcase: Gears of War 2 and Fable 2**— Join legendary videogame designers **Peter Molyneux** (Lionhead Studios) and **Cliff Bleszinski** (Epic Games) for a sneak peak at their highly anticipated holiday blockbusters, *Fable 2* and *Gears of War 2*. Get a glimpse of these highly anticipated Xbox 360 exclusives, and have a chance to speak directly with Peter and Cliff during the Q&A session! **Room 6B**

Categories: Gaming

3:30-4:30 **Spotlight on Ray Bradbury**— The legendary science fiction and fantasy author has been a perennial guest at Comic-Con since the first show in 1970. Ray Bradbury talks with interviewer **Arnold Kurner** about his career and what's up next. **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Writers & Writing

3:30-4:30 **VIZ Media Shoji Beat Surprises**— A The biggest shoji manga magazine ever published in the United States and source of the most addictive shoji manga from Japan has some exciting announcements and special surprises for fans. **Room 10**

Categories: Anime & Manga | Comic Books | Fandom

3:30-4:30 **Chuck Screening and Q&A**— *Chuck* executive producer **Josh Schwartz** (*Gossip Girl*), co-creator **Chris Fedak**, and stars **Zachary Levi** (*Less Than Perfect*), **Yvonne Strahovski** (*Gone*), **Joshua Gomez** (*Invasion*), **Sarah Lancaster** (*Everwood*), **Ryan McPartlin** (*Super Capers*), and **Adam Baldwin** (*Serenity*) return to Comic-Con for a Q&A to discuss the People's Choice Award-nominated action-comedy, and to screen an exclusive series highlight reel debuting new footage from the upcoming second season. Produced by College Hill Pictures, Wonderland Sound and Vision in association with Warner Bros. Television, *Chuck* airs Mondays at 8:00 PM on NBC. **Ballroom 20**

Categories: Humor & Satire | Television

3:30-4:30 **The Society of Illustrators Los Angeles**— The Society of Illustrators, Los Angeles (SILA) invites you to take part in a history-making announcement about comics and Illustration West 47, the largest illustration competition west of New York! Panelists include **Scott Gandell** (SILA president, illustrator), **Tatiana EL-Khoury** (VP/show chair, illustrator), **Shiho Nakaza** (VP/programs, illustrator), **Vivian Nguyen** (illustrator), **Denys Cowan** (B.E.T. Animation), and **Mike Gold** (editor, ComicMix.com). Moderated by **Michael Davis**. **Room 30AB**

Categories: Anime & Manga | Art and Illustration | Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic Books | Webcomics

3:45-5:15 **Universal: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor and Death Race**— Universal Pictures presents key cast members, filmmakers, and previously unseen footage from its upcoming slate, including Summer 2008's *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor* and *Death Race*. Additionally, the studio will showcase talent and materials from 2009 films such as *Land of the Lost* and more. **Hall H**

Categories: Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy

4:00-5:00 **Science of Superheroes**— **Jim Korokis** (consulting physicist from *Watchmen*) moderates this presentation and Q&A on what makes superheroes work, science-wise. **Room 2**

Categories: Comic Books | Movies | Superheroes

4:00-5:00 **Costume Designers: Designing for Feature Films**— Meet the women and men who are the costume designers on this year's blockbuster films. Panel moderator **Mary Vogt** (*Men in Black*, *Batman Returns*) will talk to fellow members of the Costume Designers Guild, Local 892, **Michael Wilkinson** (*Watchmen*, *300*), **Michael Dennison** (*The Spirit*, *The Eye*), **Isis Mussenden** (*Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*), and **Kym Barrett** (*Speed Racer*). **Room 3**

Categories: Comic Books | Costuming | Movies | Superheroes

4:00-5:00 **Spotlight on Joe Hill**— Comic-Con special guest Joe Hill, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Heart-Shaped Box*, talks about his critically acclaimed comic *Locke & Key* (IDW) and why so many novelists are losing it for comics these days. **Room 5AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Horror and Suspense | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Writers & Writing

4:00-5:00 **Devil's Due Presents: Milo Ventimiglia**— Meet *Heroes* star **Milo Ventimiglia** and his Divide Pictures partner **Russ Cundiff** as they unveil pages from their new DDP series *Rest*. Writer **Mark Powers** joins them alongside a panel of DDP creators with big news about Devil's Due's expanding library of titles including *Zen: Intergalactic Ninja*, *Spooks: Omega Team*, and more. **Room 7AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes

4:00-5:00 **Lost Podcast with Jay and Jack**— **Jay Glatfelter** and **Jack Glatfelter** have one of the oldest and biggest podcasts dedicated to ABC'S *Lost* with The Lost Podcast. Learn about the huge, dedicated online community for TV's most mind twisting drama. Join Jay and Jack for this special interview and Q&A session! **Room 24A**

Categories: Fandom | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

4:00-5:30 **Adventures in Voice Acting Workshop**— Here's an opportunity for attendees interested in the voice acting profession to get firsthand advice and experience from the pros in an intimate, yet dynamic and exciting setting. Learn directly from some of the best voice actors and directors in the world. This one-hour class covers practical dubbing techniques, important issues such as studio protocol, and what to expect at your first audition. You'll also get some inside information on how to break in and what the industry is really like. This truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for fans and aspiring voice actors to learn firsthand and interact with some of the most accomplished members of the industry. Panelists include **Michelle Rodriguez** (*Lost*), **Steve Blum** (*Wolverine*), **Lance Henriksen** (*Aliens*), **Tom Kenney** (*SpongeBob SquarePants*), **Hynden Walch** (*Teen Titans*), **Wendee Lee** (*Cowboy Bebop*), and **Mona Marshall** (*South Park*). **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Animation | Anime & Manga | Movies | Seminars & Workshops | Television

4:30-5:30 **The Story of an Image**— Comic-Con special guests Kim Deitch (*Shadowland*), Jim Woodring (*Frank*), Jim Ottaviani (*Two-Fisted Science*), and Kyle Baker (*Nat Turner*) will each show and discuss a single comics panel from their own work—how it came together and how it resonates in its context. Moderated by **Douglas Wolk** (*Reading Comics*). **Room 4**
Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances

4:30-5:30 **Marvel: Secret Invasion**— The best-selling event of 2008 is at its midpoint. Come get your first look at what's in store and what's to come in the Marvel U when the dust settles...assuming there is a Marvel Universe when it's all done! Guests include **Joe Quesada** (editor-in-chief) and writers **Greg Pak** (*Incredible Hercules*), **Chris Gage** (*Avengers: The Initiative*), **Chris Yost** (*Secret Invasion: Runaways/Young Avengers*), **Daniel Way** (*Deadpool*), and others. **Room 6A**
Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes

4:30-5:30 **Spotlight on Mike Peters**— You may have seen them match wits at "Quick Draw!" earlier in the day. Now Mark Evanier and Pulitzer Prize winning editorial cartoonist Mike Peters sit down for an hour-long talk covering Mike's incredible career, including the hugely popular syndicated comic strip *Mother Goose and Grimm* (and cartoon show, better known as *Grimmy*). **Room 8**
Categories: Animation | Art and Illustration | Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Television

4:30-5:30 **Treasures of ASIFA Archive**— Legendary animation director Ralph Bakshi along with ASIFA-Hollywood president **Antranig Manoogian** and ASIFA-Hollywood archivist **Steve Worth** will be screening rare films and discussing the finer points of story, animated filmmaking, and the history of animation and what it means to be an artist in today's world. **Room 10**
Categories: Animation | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Movies

4:30-5:30 **Action Figures Insider: Plastically Incorrect 2008**— What happens when toy worlds collide? What would top toy makers say to each other if given the opportunity? Be a fly on the wall in this lively discussion between some of the leaders in the toy industry from companies both large and small. You will hear about how things get done, the state of the industry, and their tales of woe and triumph. Ask your own burning questions, and you just might walk away with a free toy! Moderated by **Daniel "Julius Marx" Pickett** of ActionFigureInsider.com. **Room 30AB**
Categories: Action Figures, Toys and Collectibles

4:45-5:45 **Spotlight on J. Michael Straczynski**— Yes, it's him again. Somehow—we have no idea how—he's gone from writing comics and TV to working with Tom Cruise, Clint Eastwood, Ron Howard, Paul Greengrass, Tom Hanks, the Wachowski Brothers, and Angelina Jolie. His long career (he's also known for *Babylon 5*, *Twilight Zone*, and others) stands as proof positive that there is no such thing as a just God. What's he up to now? What's coming next? What secrets remain yet untold? How did he achieve this (well, okay, we know that and let's just say it has something to do with a contract signed with Ba'al)? Come and ask the man responsible—J. Michael Straczynski—for *Thor*, *The Twelve*, and such upcoming movies as *Changeling*, *World War Z*, *Proving Ground*, *The Flickering Light*, *The Grays*, and *Lensman*. **Room 6B**
Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Superheroes | Television | Writers & Writing

4:45-5:45 **SCI FI Eureka**— SCI FI's hit summer series returns for its triumphant third season on Tuesday, July 29 (9:00 pm/8:00 pm Central). But first, fans can experience the quirky fun of America's smartest little town up close and personal by joining the cast and executive producers of *Eureka* for an exclusive Comic-Con discussion. Panelists include cast members **Colin Ferguson**, **Salli Richardson-Whitfield**, and **Joe Morton** plus co-creator and executive producer **Jamie Paglia**, executive producer **Charlie Craig**, and **Tony Optican**, SVP for original programming, SCI FI. **Room 6CDEF**
Categories: Humor & Satire | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

4:45-5:45 **Fringe Q&A and Trailer Screening**— J. J. Abrams (*Lost*), **Roberto Orci** and **Alex Kurtzman**—the team behind *Mission: Impossible 3*, *Alias*, and the upcoming *Star Trek* feature—join fellow *Fringe* executive producers **Bryan Burk** (*Cloverfield*) and **Jeff Pinkner** (*Lost*), as well as stars **Anna Torv** (*The Pacific*), **Josh Jackson** (*Shutter*), and **John Noble** (*The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*), for an exclusive Q&A about one of the most anticipated new television series of the fall season, a drama that will thrill, terrify and explore the blurring line between science fiction and reality. The session will kick off with the screening of a trailer for the series. *Television Week* deputy editor and columnist **Joe Adalian** moderates. From Bad Robot Productions in association with Warner Bros. Television, *Fringe* premieres September 9 and airs Tuesdays at 9:00 PM on FOX. **Ballroom 20**
Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television | Writers & Writing

5:00-6:00 **The Dead Space IP**— **Ben Templesmith** (*30 Days of Night*) and **Antony Johnston** (*Wasteland*) lead a panel that includes **Chuck Patton**, **AJ Jothikumar** and **Joe Goyette** (*Dead Space* animated feature) to discuss how graphic novels have become a vital component for top-tier entertainment brands and how multiple mediums (comics, games, and movies) have come together to create a holistic story. While famous comics have spawned successful movies, TV shows, and games, Electronic Arts' new sci-fi horror brand *Dead Space* has developed a comics series and animated feature to first introduce the universe to key opinion leaders and influencers. Panelists will discuss these new developments, what it takes to develop a successful brand that speaks to audiences across a variety of multimedia, and the implications for the future of the entertainment industry. **Room 2**
Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Gaming | Horror and Suspense | Movies

5:00-6:00 **Oni Press Panelmonium 2008!**— The most fun you'll ever have at a panel! See what all the hubbub is about at indy comics powerhouse Oni Press. Get sneak peeks at upcoming projects, news on new Oni Press initiatives, and Q&A with some of your favorite Oni Press creators. Oh, and did we mention prizes? There's going to be prizes and free comics, so come one, come all! It's panda—er, Panelmonium! **Room 3**
Categories: Comic Books

5:00-6:00 **Legion of Super-Heroes 50th Anniversary**— Fifty years ago, a trio of new super-heroes appeared on the cover of *Adventure Comics* no. 247. That humble beginning spawned the first great super team of the Silver Age of Comics: The Legion of Super-Heroes. Set in the 30th and 31st centuries of a DC Universe that may—or may not—happen, the Legion captured the hearts and minds of comic fans right from the start. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of this legendary team are DC's president and publisher—and Legion writer—**Paul Levitz**, who moderates the panel featuring fellow Legion storytellers

Geoff Johns, **Colleen Doran**, and Comic-Con special guests Mike Grell and Keith Giffen. **Room 5AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Superheroes | Writers & Writing

5:00-6:00 **Join The Fight: *Starship Troopers 3: Marauder***— Join **Casper Van Dien** (*Starship Troopers*), **Jolene Blalock** (*Star Trek: Enterprise*) and writer/director **Ed Neumeier** (writer of *Starship Troopers* and *RoboCop*) for a preview of the third installment in the wildly popular *Starship Troopers* franchise. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment invites you to "Join the Fight" and take part in an audience Q&A that will be recorded for download over Blu-ray's BD-Live network. Bring your Bluetooth phone and access exclusive content beamed directly to your handset during the panel! **Room 7AB**

Categories: Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy

5:00-7:00 ***Stargate Offworld Fandom Gathering***— The iris is open! Experience the essence of *Stargate* fandom during this two-hour fan gathering! **Marcia Patterson** invites you to step through the gate with *Stargate* fans from around the universe to share trivia, games, giveaways, hot news, discussions, fanworks, filk singing (familiar tunes with *Stargate* lyrics), and other *Stargate* Offworld Fandom surprises! Learn the basics of collecting and see some actual props fans have acquired from the show/movie. You'll have fun with both alien and SG costuming and there'll even be an impromptu costume contest! Joining Marcia from *Stargate* Offworld Fandom are **Martin A. Smith** and **Jennifer Carey**, and from SciFiHero.net, **Dean Newbury**. **Room 24A**

Categories: Costuming | Fandom | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

5:30-6:30 ***The World of Steve Ditko Panel Discussion***— Author **Blake Bell** (*Strange and Stranger: The World of Steve Ditko*) presents a slide show and discusses the artwork and career of Steve Ditko (co-creator of Spider-Man and Dr. Strange) with panelists Jim Starlin (*Captain Marvel, Dreadstar*), Kim Deitch (*Shadowland, The Stuff of Dreams*), **Carl Potts** (*Alien Legion*), **Dean Mullaney** (IDW's Library of American Comics), and **Gary Groth** (co-publisher, Fantagraphics). **Room 4**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Superheroes

5:30-6:30 **Spotlight on Len Wein**— The writer who gave us *Swamp Thing*, *The New X-Men*, *Wolverine*, *Brother Voodoo*, memorable runs on all the top DC and Marvel titles and many more, was one of the first fans to become a professional writer...and editor at both companies. Comic-Con special guest Len Wein joins moderator Mark Evanier for a discussion on Len's 30+ years in the industry as one of comics' most popular talents. **Room 8**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Writers & Writing

5:30-6:30 **Spotlight on Adrian Tomine**— *New Yorker* illustrator and *Optic Nerve* cartoonist Adrian Tomine is the author of one of 2007's most critically lauded graphic novels, *Shortcomings*. For this Spotlight, Tomine will be interviewed by the first editor ever to give him an actual paying gig, **Marc Weidenbaum**, editor-in-chief of magazines at VIZ Media. The two will discuss what it was about the then UC Berkeley student's comic that attracted Weidenbaum to offer him a regular spot in Tower Records' *Pulse* magazine and how Tomine has matured over the last decade to become one of North America's leading literary cartoonists. **Room 10**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Cartooning and Comic Strips | Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances

5:30-6:30 **Comic Book Club: A Live Talk Show**— **Scott Adsit** (*30 Rock*), **Adam Rifkin** (*National Lampoon's Homo Erectus*), **Eric Powell** (*The Goon*), and **Gabriel Rodriguez** (*Locke & Key*) join **Justin Tyler**, **Pete LePage**, and **Alex Zalben** (*The Stack*) to wrap up San Diego Comic-Con in style. Featuring surprise musical guests, and more, this is the funniest panel at the Con. Not to be missed! **Room 30AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Fandom

5:30-6:30 **Character Design Workshop**— An introductory workshop focusing on the creation of characters for any medium, including the importance of storytelling, as well as tools to make memorable character designs. Topics to be discussed include the use of silhouette, gesture, reference, and attitude will be discussed. This workshop is great for beginners and will provide insight into the world of character design. Information on The Art Institutes will also be presented. **Patrick Ballesteros** is a concept illustrator who has been working in the film and game industry for the past four years and is currently an independent concept artist in gaming and an instructor at The Art Institute of California—Orange County. **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Animation | Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Gaming | Movies | Seminars & Workshops

5:30-7:00 **Sony: *Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, Quarantine, Pineapple Express***—

See the exclusive first look at footage and meet the stars of ***Underworld: Rise of the Lycans***. The third film in the popular *Underworld* franchise delves into the origins of the centuries-old blood feud between the aristocratic vampires, known as Death Dealers, and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves). A young Lycan, Lucian (Michael Sheen), emerges as a powerful leader who rallies the werewolves to rise up against Viktor (Bill Nighy), the cruel vampire king who has persecuted them for hundreds of years. Lucian is joined by his secret lover, the beautiful vampire Sonja (Rhona Mitra), in his battle to free the Lycans from their brutal enslavement. On stage to take your questions will be **Rhona Mitra**, **Bill Nighy**, **Michael Sheen** and director **Patrick Tatopoulos**. *Underworld: Rise of the Lycans* is in theaters everywhere January 23, 2009.

Quarantine: Television reporter Angela Vidal (Jennifer Carpenter) and her cameraman (Steve Harris) are assigned to spend the night shift with a Los Angeles fire station. After a routine 911 call takes them to a small apartment building, they find police officers already on the scene in response to blood-curdling screams and soon learn that a woman living there has been infected by something unknown. After a few of the residents are viciously attacked, they try to escape only to find that the CDC has quarantined the building. Phones, Internet, television and cell phone access have been cut off, and officials are not relaying information to those locked inside. When the quarantine is finally lifted, the only evidence of what took place is the news crew's videotape. *Quarantine* opens in theaters everywhere October 17.

Pineapple Express: Frankly, if we tell you almost anything about the plot to this action/comedy, we probably wouldn't even be allowed to be here, so let's just say that producer **Judd Apatow** will be on stage with the gang in tow—director **David Gordon Green**, **Seth Rogen** (star and co-writer), **James Franco**, **Danny McBride**, **Amber Heard**, and **Evan Goldberg** (co-writer)—to show you how they've taken this particular genre to new highs. Also, be sure to ask Seth and Evan about their upcoming *Green Hornet* film.

Hall H**Categories:** Horror and Suspense | Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Superheroes

5:45-7:15 **Gays in Comics Panel: 21 and Legal!**— Starting its third decade at Comic-Con, the long-running "Gays in Comics" panel takes a thrilling look at the diversity in the comics world today. With DC Comics leading the charge with the lesbian Question and Batwoman, the shadowy Obsidian, and Wildstorm's Apollo and Midnighter, where will they go next in the realm of superhero comics? And when will other companies substantially move forward to represent gay characters? Meanwhile, independent publishers and creators are building their own worlds that spotlight gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered characters, pleasing the thousands of fans who are out of the comic book closet. This all-star panel of GLBT creators (and one straight one) offer startling insights and glimpses of surprises to come! Joining founding moderator **Andy Mangels** (best-selling author of *Star Trek* novels and *Iron Man: Beneath the Armor*) are **Roger Klorese**, the president of PRISM Comics and longtime comic and internet trailblazer; **Ariel Schrag**, writer/artist of the critically acclaimed *Potential*, plus *Awkward*, *Definition*, and Showtime's *The L Word*; **Greg Rucka**, the writer of *Final Crisis: Revelations*, *Checkmate*, *Daredevil*, and many other hot titles; **Jeff Krell**, writer/artist of the long-running *Jayson* strip and new graphic novel *Jayson Goes to Hollywood*; **Jack Mahan**, executive director—editorial administration for DC Comics; and maybe a surprise panelist! Afterward, stick around for the hour-long gay comics fan mixer/social, hosted by PRISM Comics, with prizes and surprise special guests! **Room 6A**

Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes

6:00-7:00 **Capcom Presents: The Making of Bionic Commando and Bionic Commando Rearmed**— Producer **Ben Judd** presents an exclusive, never-before-seen, behind-the-scenes peek at the making of the *Bionic Commando Rearmed* and *Bionic Commando* for the next gen game systems. **Andy Diggle** (*The Losers*, *Swamp Thing*) discusses writing the *Bionic Commando* webcomic. Select audience members will be invited to take part in a special *Bionic Commando Rearmed* gaming tournament to win exclusive Bionic Commando prizes! Plus, meet the real Bionic Commando in person for photos. Q&A session to round out the presentation. **Room 2**

Categories: Comic Books | Gaming | Webcomics

6:00-7:00 **Yen Press**— Co-publishing directors **Kurt Hassler** and **Rich Johnson** and the staff of Yen Press discuss what's on the horizon for this exciting publisher. **Room 3**

Categories: Anime & Manga | Comic Books

6:00-7:00 **Playing God**— Authors discuss creating the rules and deities of their fantasy worlds. Panelists include Jim Butcher (*The Dresden Files*), **Chris Evans** (*A Darkness Forged in Fire*), **Lynn Flewelling** (*Shadows Return*), **David Keck** (*In a Time of Treason*), **Jenna Rhodes** (*The Elven Ways*), and **Eldon Thompson** (*Asahiel*). Moderated by **MaryElizabeth Hart** of Mysterious Galaxy. **Room 5AB**

Categories: Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Writers & Writing

6:00-7:00 **TV Guide**— *TV Guide* takes an in-depth look at some of the new and returning TV series, featuring the hottest TV talent—in front of the camera and behind the scenes. *TV Guide* executive editor **Craig Tomashoff** moderates this panel offering the inside scoop, with some fun surprises. Participants include (in alphabetical order) **Josh Applebaum** (executive producer, *Life on Mars*), **Jaimie Alexander** (*Kyle XY*), **Matt Dallas** (*Kyle XY*), **Javier Grillo-Marxuach** (creator, *The Middleman*), **Ronald Moore** (executive producer, *Virtuality*), **Natalie Morales** (*The Middleman*), **Jason O'Mara** (*Life on Mars*), and **Jason Smilovic** (executive producer, *My Own Worst Enemy*), among other special guests. **Room 6B**

Categories: Science Fiction & Fantasy | Television

6:00-7:00 **Marvel: The Ultimate Universe Must Die!**— The end of the Ultimate Universe is coming, and only these guys know how it's going down. Join the men behind *Ultimatum*—writers **Jeph Loeb** (*Ultimates* and TV's *Heroes*), **Aron Coleite** (*Ultimate X-Men*), **Joe Pokaski** (TV's *Heroes*) and **Joe Quesada** (editor-in-chief)—as they reveal why this is the end. And you'll never guess who's returning! **Room 6CDF**

Categories: Comic Books | Superheroes | Writers & Writing

6:00-7:00 **Impact University: How to Write and Draw Comics and Graphic Novels**— Some of the biggest names in comics are on hand to teach you what it takes to make it in comics and graphic novels. The star-studded faculty includes **Peter David** (*Dark Tower*, *X-Factor*), **Orson Scott Card** (*Ender's Game*, *Wyrms*), **Colleen Doran** (*A Distant Soil*, *Sandman*), **Brian Miller** (Hi-Fi Color Design), and *Comics Buyer's Guide* senior editor **Maggie Thompson**. Find out the best way to submit your work, learn the dos and don'ts of the business, and participate in a Q&A session. **Room 7AB**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Seminars & Workshops | Writers & Writing

6:30-7:30 **Blatant Keenspot 2008**— Pioneering webcomics powerhouse Keenspot returns for their 8th annual Comic-Con panel, and they're bringing high-concept funny-book factory Blatant Comics with 'em! Panelists scheduled to appear include Blatant president **Bobby Crosby** (*Last Blood*, *Marry Me*), **R.C. Monroe** (*Out There*), **R. Smith** (*Funny Farm*, *Banished!*), Keenspot CEO **Chris Crosby** (*Sore Thumbs*, *Supersity*), and surprise guests to be announced! Get the latest on the *Last Blood* feature film adaptation from producers BenderSpink (*The Ring*, *A History of Violence*), new developments at Keenspot and ComicGenesis.com, and more. **Room 4**

Categories: Comic Books | Movies | Webcomics

6:30-7:30 **WildStorm Brewing**— Get the inside scoop on what's coming up from DC's wildest imprint from VP **Hank Kanalz**, superstar artist Jim Lee, editorial director **Christos Gage** (*WildCats: World's End*), and creators Neil Gooch (*WildCats: World's End*), **Wes Craig** (*Wildstorm Revelations*), **Brian Denham** (*X-Files*), **Joshua Ortega** (*Gears of War*), and **Jason Craig** (*Freddy vs. Jason vs. Ash*). Find out about WildStorm's newest creator-driven books, plus the latest on *The Authority*, *WildCats*, *Stormwatch*, *Gen 13*, *The Lost Boys*, *X-Files*, J. J. Abram's *Fringe*, and much, much more! **Room 8**

Categories: Comic Books | Comic-Con Special Guest Spotlights & Appearances | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Superheroes | Television

6:30-7:30 **Troma, Supernatural Law, New Found Glory, Ghost in the Shell**— Meet the diabolical minds behind your favorite comic books and films. George W. Bush Yale classmate and legendary Troma Studios founder **Lloyd Kaufman** once again mixes with the masses at this year's Troma, panel which features **Batton Lash** (creator, *Supernatural Law*), **Chad Gilbert** (New Found Glory band, www.moviescenester.com), and producer **Steven Paul** (*Ghost Rider*, *Doomsday*, upcoming *Ghost in the Shell* with Avi Arad and Steven Spielberg). Learn secrets about how the upcoming *Ghost in the Shell* got to be produced. See Lloyd and The Toxic Avenger in pages of the newest *Supernatural Law* comic. Hear New Found Glory's movie music. Get insights on Lloyd's creative process plus down-and-dirty secrets of filmmaking with n behind-the-scenes clips from his upcoming *Direct Your Own Damn Movie* DVD and from

Troma's theatrical hit *Poultrygeist, Night of The Chicken Dead!* See exclusive footage of Toxie in Iraq!

Moderating (and self-medicating as needed) will once again be **Mimi Cruz** from Eisner Retailer

Award-winning store Night Flight Comics. **Room 10**

Categories: Comic Books | Horror and Suspense | Humor & Satire | Movies

6:30-7:30 **The Anthropology of Star Trek**— **Daryl G. Frazetti** of the Department of Anthropology at Lake Tahoe Community College discusses anthropological themes in the *Star Trek* universe. Select themes include politics, religion, social problems, and the anthropological concept of "race." The subculture of fandom is also explored. All topics will span the franchise and look at the relationship between *Star Trek* at any given point and contemporary society. This forum is based on the course offered at Lake Tahoe Community College and professional research. **Room 30AB**

Categories: Movies | Science Fiction & Fantasy | Seminars & Workshops | Television

6:30-7:30 **Gamers in the Library?**— Did you know that at least 7 out of 10 libraries support gaming? From consoles to D20, board games to CCG's, gaming in libraries is a hot topic. Find out about this seemingly odd combination with **Kearsten LaBrozzi** (Glendale Public Library, Arizona), **Susan White** (University of Advancing Technology), **Mike Pawuk** (Cuyahoga County Public Library), and **Merideth Jenson-Benjamin** (Glendale Public Library, Arizona). Hear about successful programs, learn pitfalls to avoid, and find out why gamers in the library are here to stay. **Room 30CDE**

Categories: Gaming | Seminars & Workshops

Nighttime Programs

7:00-8:30 **In Search of Steve Ditko Documentary**— *Strange & Stranger: The World of Steve Ditko* author **Blake Bell** hosts a showing of the documentary *In Search of Steve Ditko* by UK television star Jonathan Ross. The hour-long documentary features such comics legends as Neil Gaiman, Alan Moore, and Stan Lee discussing Ditko's work and career along Ross' journey to find Steve Ditko in New York City. **Room 5AB**

Categories: Comic Books | Movies | Nighttime Programming

7:00-9:00 **CBLDF Benefit Auction**— This is the big one! The CBLDF holds its biggest auction of the year at Comic-Con, and this year brings some amazing one-of-a-kind items to raise money for free speech. Primo items include original art by **Jack Kirby**, **Dave Gibbons**, **Walter Simonson**, **Jeff Campbell**, **Jeff Smith**, and more! All this plus rare comics, signed graphic novels, and scripts. You will need a bidder number for this auction, which can be obtained, along with a full auction list, at the CBLDF booth or at the start of the event. **Room 8**

Categories: Art and Illustration | Comic Books | Comics Law School | Nighttime Programming

7:15-8:15 **Gays in Comics Mixer**— Here's your chance to mingle with other GLBT and open-minded fans and creators and bid on some fantastic auction items! Hosted by PRISM Comics. **Room 6A**

Categories: Comic Books | Fandom | Nighttime Programming

7:15-8:15 **MythBusters Q&A and Sneak Preview**— **Jamie Hyneman** and **Adam Savage** of *MythBusters* talk about their offbeat Discovery Channel series that uses science to determine the truth behind urban legends. With backgrounds in animatronics, robotics, model building, and prototyping, Adam and Jamie will answer questions about the 300+ myths they've busted to date, show untelevised clips from their most explosive myths, and feature a Comic-Con exclusive sneak peek at the upcoming NASA moon landing hoax episode. **Room 6B**

Categories: Nighttime Programming | Television

7:15-8:15 **Comedy Central's The Sarah Silverman Program**— **Sarah Silverman** (*Jesus Is Magic*) plays a character (aptly named Sarah Silverman) whose absurd daily life is told through narrative and an occasional song. In each episode, Sarah falls into unique, unsettling, and always hilarious predicaments, with her sister (played by real-life sister **Laura Silverman**, *The Comeback*), her geeky gay neighbors Brian (**Brian Posehn**, *Just Shoot Me*) and Steve (**Steve Agee**, *Jesus Is Magic*), and dim-witted Officer Jay (**Jay Johnston**, *Mr. Show with Bob and David*) never far from her side. Silverman, **Rob Schrab** (*Monster House*), **Heidi Herzog** (*Jesus is Magic*) and **Dan Sterling** (*The Daily Show*) are the executive producers. Join the entire cast and executive producers of the Comedy Central hit series for a Q&A session. **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Humor & Satire | Nighttime Programming | Television

8:00-10:00 **Christian Comic Arts Society Networking**— Christian comics creators and fans are invited to join together with CCAS members for a time of fellowship, networking and socializing. Limited freebies available! Come Saturday night and hang with other Christian comics fans. Hosted by the Christian Comic Arts Society. **Room 10**

Categories: Comic Books | Fandom | Nighttime Programming

8:30-11:30 **Masquerade Broadcast (6A), presented by Tru:Blood**— Broadcast LIVE from the stage in Ballroom 20, here's your chance to see the world famous Comic-Con Masquerade on the big screen. A great place to view all the action if Ballroom 20 is full or the party in the Sails Pavilion is too crowded. **Room 6A**

Categories: Awards Ceremonies | Costuming | Fandom | Nighttime Programming

8:30-11:30 **Masquerade Broadcast (6B), presented by Tru:Blood**— Broadcast LIVE from the stage in Ballroom 20, here's your chance to see the world famous Comic-Con Masquerade on the big screen. A great place to view all the action if Ballroom 20 is full or the party in the Sails Pavilion is too crowded. **Room 6B**

Categories: Awards Ceremonies | Costuming | Fandom | Nighttime Programming

8:30-10:00 **Marvel: Wolverine and The X-Men Animated Screening**— When an explosive event shatters the lives of the X-Men and takes away their mentor, the beaten heroes walk away from it all. But then they're given a rare glimpse into the future, and see a world in utter ruin, ruled by mutant-hunting Sentinels. So now the most legendary of all X-Men takes the lead—Wolverine! Reuniting these broken heroes, Wolverine embarks on the ultimate mission—to prevent the world's destruction. To rescue us from ourselves. To save the future. Meet **Boyd Kirkland** (lead director), **Craig Kyle** (supervising producer), **Greg Johnson** (head writer), and others involved with this new animated series and watch the first three episodes of this epic new *X-Men* series before its Nicktoons 2009 premiere. **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Animation | Comic Books | Movies | Nighttime Programming | Superheroes

8:30-11:30 **Tru:Blood Presents: Comic-Con International Masquerade**— Fabulous original and

re-created costumes crafted by Comic-Con's talented attendees appear on stage before an audience of thousands. Outstanding costumes will be awarded trophies and cash prizes. Doors will open for audience seating at 7:45 PM, but the line will start much earlier! Tickets will be required for seating, and will be given out free to those lining up near Ballroom 20 beginning at 4:30 PM. The masters of ceremonies will be writers/artists **Phil Foglio** and **Kaja Foglio** of Studio Foglio, and halftime entertainment will be a mini-show featuring favorite comic book heroes presented by the JING Institute of Chinese Martial Arts & Culture. *(Additional seating is available in Rooms 6A, 6B, and the Sails Pavilion where the Masquerade will be simulcast on the big screen.)* **Ballroom 20**

Categories: Awards Ceremonies | Costuming | Fandom | Nighttime Programming

8:30-11:30 **Comic-Con International Masquerade Party**— Party the night away in the Sails Pavilion while the Masquerade, presented by Tru:Blood, plays on the big screen! **Sails Pavilion**

Categories: Awards Ceremonies | Costuming | Fandom | Nighttime Programming

10:00-12:00 **World Premiere! *Mutant Chronicles***— Special "work-in-progress" feature film screening hosted by stars **Thomas Jane** (*The Mist*), **Ron Perlman** (*Hellboy II*), and **Devon Aoki** (*Sin City*). This is the first public showing in our hemisphere of this steampunk action-adventure. A disparate squad of former enemy soldiers undertakes a suicide mission deep into the seething heart of the otherworldly mutant scourge bent on human extinction. Unrated, uncut, unreal. Q&A with cast, director **Simon Hunter** (*Lighthouse*), and producer **Edward R. Pressman** (*The Crow*). **Room 6CDEF**

Categories: Movies | Nighttime Programming | Science Fiction & Fantasy
